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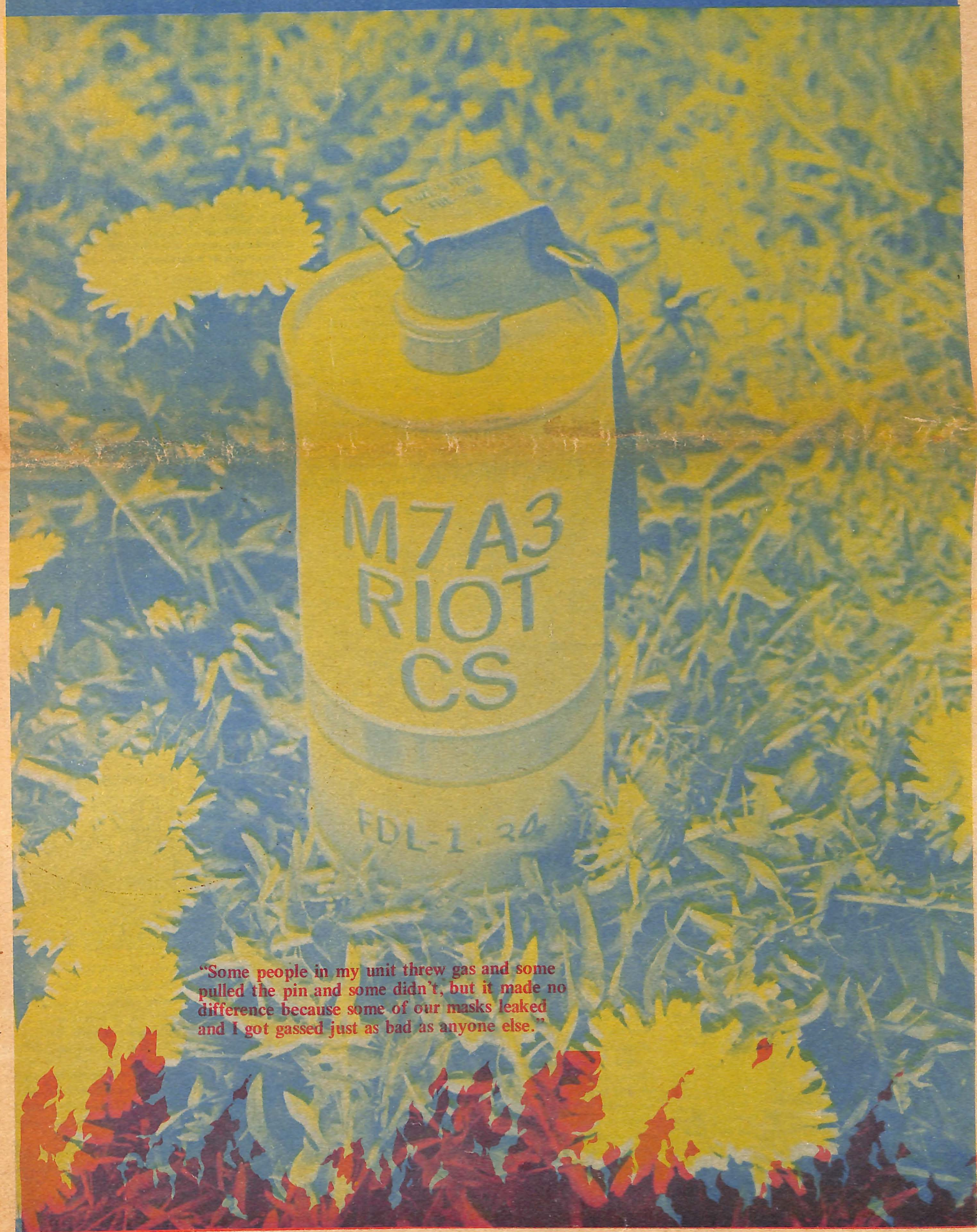

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Dempsey Calls

I am a weekend pig. And it is by choice if you get right down to it. Don't think I am trying to apologize about it or anything of that sort. What I am trying to do is explain it as best as I can.

I have been a member of a National Guard unit for 4 years and have another 2 years to go. This past weekend was my first experience with a civil disorder but I will say more later. Understand this, I am not ashamed to be in the guard. I am putting in my time in the easiest way possible and I make the best of it when I am there. I don't like it, but who does. And I put up with it because I asked for it. If I wasn't on duty this weekend I probably would have been with everyone on the green.

I was told on Monday to report Friday morning at 7:00 AM for a 3 day weekend. When we moved into the armory on Goffe St. we were all, each and every one of us, issued ammunition and tear gas. All of us had ammunition in our weapons when we went out on the street and were told we could use it if necessary and would be covered by the government if we did. Our units were prepared for the absolute worst. And everyone was scared. NO ONE wants to hurt anyone or be hurt ourselves. And no one was angry at anyone or any group. It seemed strange to me that I heard no racist crys from anyone during the three days we were there. Just a total fear of hurting, being hurt, and everything else that goes through a person's mind.

But we were prepared. We had all the backup equipment which you could imagine, including armored personnell carriers. It was like we were preparing to go to war, full out and out with an enemy who we knew were ourselves in normal dress. And all the time we were getting instructionson what to do and how to in any type of situation should that situation arise.

My own unit never got near the area on the green. We were near the cemetery on Grove St. and on York St. near Chapel St. Some people in my unit threw gas and some pulled the pin and others didn't, but it made no difference because some of our masks leaked and I got gassed just as bad as anyone else.

Most of us were glad that no one got hurt and we didn't get into the areas that had the major "trouble." My unit is made up of just kids. Most of them are in school and a lot of them have wives and families. But the general attitude is that a job has to be done, no matter how shitty the job is, and we tried to do it with as little problem as possible.

While I was on the streets, rocks and other things were thrown our way. You can't imagine what it is like to have people calling you a pig and throwing things. It is the most fucked up thing that has ever happened to me.

KUAI / Breakthrough*

This hexagram signifies on the one hand a break-through after a long accumulation of tension, as a swollen river breaks through its dikes, or in the manner of a cloudburst. On the other hand, applied to human conditions , it refers to the time when inferior people gradually begin to disappear. Their influence is on the wane; as a result of resolute action, a change in conditions occurs, a break-through. This hexagram is linked with the third month (April/May).

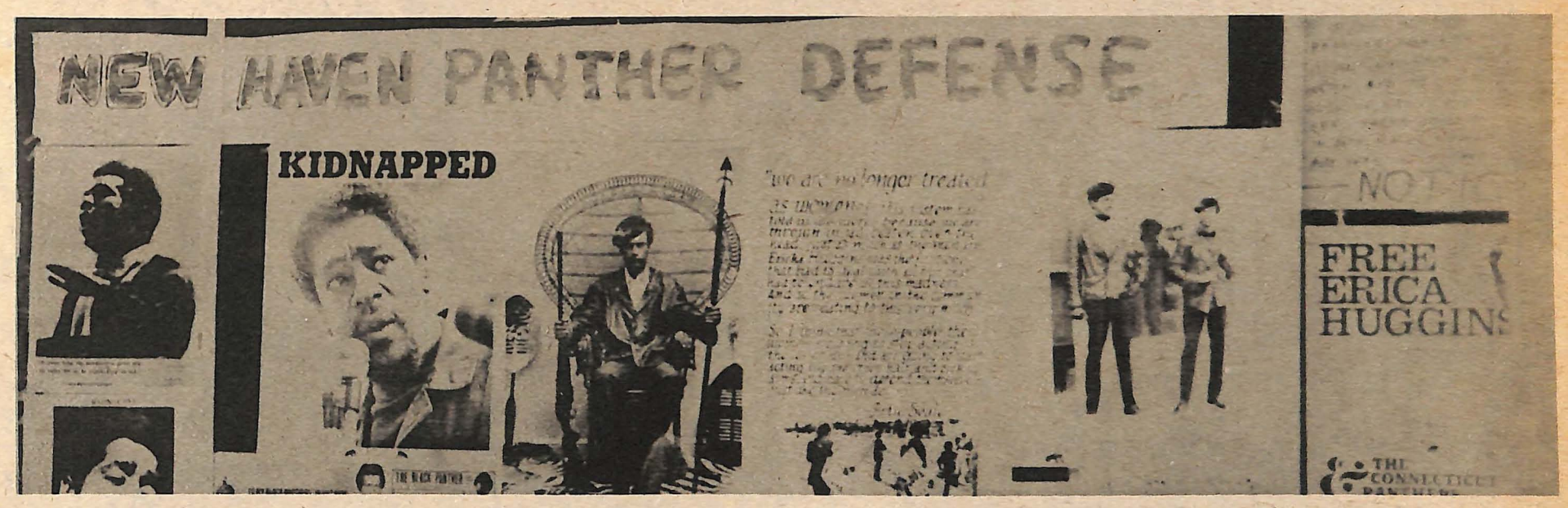
The Judgement

Break-through. One must make the matter known
At the court of the king.
It must be announced truthfully. Danger.
It is necessary to notify one's own city.
It does not further to resort to arms.
It furthers one to undertake something.

Even if only one inferior man is occupying a ruling position in a city, he is able to oppress superior men. Even a single passion still lurking in the heart has power to obscure reason. Passion and reason cannot exist side by side-- therefore fight without quarter is necessary if the good is to prevail.

In a resolute struggle of the good against evil, there are, however, definite rules that must not be disregarded if it is to succeed. First, resolution must be based on a union of strength and friendliness. Second, a compromise with evil is not possible; evil must under all circumstances be openly discredited. Nor must our own passions and shortcomings be glossed over. Third, the struggle must not be carried on directly by force. If evil is branded, it thinks of weapons, and if we do it the favor of fighting against it blow for blow, we lose in the end because thus we ourselves get entangled in hatred and passion. Therefore it is important to begin at home, to be on guard in our own persons against the faults we have branded. In this way, finding no opponent, the sharp edges of the weapons of evil become dulled. Finally, the best way to fight evil is to make energetic progress in the good.

*From the I Ching, when questioned about May First.



A WHIFF BY WHIFF ACCOUNT

FRIDAY MORNING

People have been arriving in New Haven for today's rally to free the Black Panthers all week. Carloads from Wisconsin, Michigan, California, Florida,... Buses from New York and Boston arrive this morning.

10:00 a.m. The first official event of the weekend, a press conference in Center Church on the green. Yippies have been marching with the new Woodstock Nation flag and singing new revolutionary songs. Now they flank Froines, who stresses that the Chicago 7 is really the Chicago 8 and includes Bobby Seale. Big Man reports threats members in Baltimore on a new conspiracy-murder rap. "We see this as a move by the pigs to totally annihilate the leadership and the entire Black Panther Party."

Dave Dellinger speaks next: We are here because the establishment is trying to execute Bobby Seale and his comrades. Our purpose is not to protest, but to see that political prisoners are freed. With regard to the invasion of Cambodia; what happens in the internal colony cannot be separated from what happens in the external colony. And in Baltimore, on a day when the government should be dropping all charges, it is instituting new charges. We will not allow Nixon and the government to provoke us to violent action which would be disastrous to the Black community. The Chicago 8 have moved to New Haven to begin a series of actions to continue until the Panthers are freed.

Abbie Hoffman: We will not let them separate our culture from our politics. America has decided to devour its youth. We will resist. We will not participate in America's children for breakfast program. Not one Senator protested the Chicago 8 trial. We're gonna make the pigs choke on their meal.

Tom Hayden: Nixon has declared war not only on Viet Nam and Cambodia, but in the Black ghetto and on anyone who supports the black liberation struggle. This is a war. Seale and the Panthers are prisoners of war. This is the beginning of a summer of solidarity and organizing in the North East. We will be back, a quarter million, a half million, a million strong to see that prisoners of war are liberated by whatever means necessary.

For U. S. Troops City

The Ingalls Rink bomb it now appears, could have caused the entire structure to collapse if many of the front doors had not been open, or if the windows had been shatter - resistent plexi-glass. This news came to me as an unpleasant shock , since I had been in the rink at the time of the blast.

Eschaton was in the middle of their set, playing Amelia Earhart ("with her partner Captain Noonan, her plane fell in the ocean, etc.) They usually end the song with a country riff and a bang on a drum, but this time the bang came from the other end of the rink. At that, most of the people around screamed and ran for the exits. Joe Frazier (the lead singer) hid under the stage ("from bullets"). The other band members grabbed their equipment and split.

That's the first time someone actually tried to kill me, so I'm kind of pissed off. Actually, what's worse is the idea that since a bloodbath was narrowly avoided, (the low attendance was a surprise to everyone, including the bomber, no doubt), the police will undoubtedly fail to crack the case. The detective I talked to wasn't even aware that Ingall's rink was the location of mass strike rallies for the Yale community. A lot of silent observer's at those meetings, too.

Anyhow, that's my story about the bombing, so now you know. (And remember, folks, All Power To The People!)

12:00 The crowd is beginning to gather on the Green. Workmen are completing the press enclosure and fence which surrounds and protects the stage. Rock bands are setting up.

1:00 or thereabouts. The music starts. Response from the crowd is slow. But by 2:30 many of those in the front of the crowd are dancing to music by Elephant's Memory. A few joints are passed around the crowd, and some of the early arrivals among the press are seen turning on. The overall impression is not at all like Woodstock, however. Many people are rapping or reading about political issues and there is really not much dope in sight.

4:00 The speeches start. Some hassles with the press who want to stand in the front and are blocking the view of the people who want to sit. Finally the marshals tell the press who won't sit voluntarily to sit or leave. Cheers from the immediate crowd. The national guard takes up its deployment positions in the downtown area. Speakers include Big Man reading a translation of Jean Genet's speech, Dave Hilliard who praises Yale for advocating justice for the Panthers but warns against violence because New Haven is an armed camp, Robert Scheer of Ramparts Magazine who accuses the New York Times of trying to turn the Mayday weekend into a bloodbath, representatives from Women's Liberation, David Dellinger who calls Bobby Seale "the real hero of Chicago" and Ken Mills, asking for revolutionary discipline.

6:30 Over 20,000 demonstrators disperse from the Green, most heading for Yale and free food and rock music. The food was basic and plentiful. Rock concerts were held in the Old Campus and at the Ingalls Hockey rink. Political discussions and speeches were led by the Chicago conspiracy at several locations around the campus and Allen Ginsberg chanted Hari Krishna and recited poetry.

7:30 About 200 persons congregate on the lower Green, near Church and Elm.

9:25 Jerry Rubin's speech in Branford College is interrupted by a man, black, in his 20's, who claims to be a Black Panther and says brothers have been arrested on the Green. Rubin says he is going home, wants no part of any protest action.

9:45 People from Branford march across Old Campus onto the Green. They are joined by a group from Ezra Stiles who have just heard a speech by Abbie Hoffman. The

Sets Plan For May Day

NEW HAVEN—APRIL 30

We just listened to Nixon give the most incredible doublethink speech. He is invading Cambodia by land force and has the nerve to claim that this will get us out of Vietnam quicker. He claims the action will take two to five months. We are no longer in the War in Vietnam. We are in the War of Indochina. Claiming de-escalation and Vietmization, Nixon makes the war bigger. He is worried that the NLF will win. He should be worried. The communists could hardly be losing in Vietnam is if they are taking over Cambodia. Nixon has made clear that he will not be the first American President to preside over defeat. How will he react if he suffers another Dienbienphu?

We just talked to a reliable source from the straight media. He believes that Nixon would like a violent New Haven in order to rally straight America behind his Asian policy, or else to bury that policy in the New Haven headlines. The national guard has been deployed here and our source says they will either ring the green or else parade downtown with tanks in a show of force during the rally while people are on the green. This would consitute an almost inevitable incitement to riot. Meanwhile, the Panthers, their Defense Committee, and virtually every on other movement group in New Haven is trying to cool it.

We understand that Nixon has engaged the Rand Corporation to make a study of the feasibility of his cancelling the vote in 1972 on the ground that the polling stations would be unsafe from bombings and lawlessness.

A friend of mine saw a fictional political situation television program called *Paris, 7,000* tonight. He said every time the scene changed there was a large picture of Nixon in the background.

We may be closer to Germany in 1932 than we think.

MAYDAY

"The government is out to wipe out the Black Panther Party as the vanguard of black liberation, and we're here today and we gotta keep being here to stop them from doing that. We should not be deflected by all the hypocritical statements by the most violent government in the world about the importance of being non-violent. What we've got to do is to concentrate and to go about to focus on this on our task... and not to get into a side arguement with the government about how

peaceful we are. Of course we're going to be peaceful here today for all the reasons run down by Big Man and others, but that's not the issue. The issue is not whether this is peaceful or not, the issue is whether its a peaceful weekend in Cambodia or not, whether its a peaceful weekend in the jail for Bobby Seale and the Panthers. As a matter of fact, the government has done everything that it could to provoke violence here today. The first thing that they did was to rip off the people in Baltimore... on the very day that there should be an announcement that the prosecution of the New Haven Panthers here is off—its all finished, there won't be any, any—on the day before that the government creates another frame-up in Baltimore. That's the most provocative violent thing that could have happened this weekend. Now the second thing they did, of course, was to invade Cambodia at a time when Nixon has been talking about some secret plan for ending the war. No plan is so secret that nobody knows what it is. He announces now that thousands of American troops have invaded Cambodia. The civil war in Vietnam ended in 1965 and it can't be put together again. That's why Vietnamization will not work. Because Vietnamization failed they widened the war—extended it into all of Indochina. We've got to respond to that because there can be no separation between vamping on the internal colony and vamping on the external colony. And on May 9, one week from today...thousands of people are going going to converge on Washington, D.C. and its gonna be to object—to take militant action against the vamping on Cambodia and Indochina and the vamping on the black community, particularly the vamping on the Baltimore people who are just an arm's throw away. That will show the government—it took us a year to get out here—we should have been here last year in these numbers—they probably think it will take us a year to get to Baltimore, but on m May 9 I want to see you all there."

Dave Dellinger

MAY 2

Fleeting images of national guardsmen giving me the fist salute, or flashing the V; Allen Ginsberg on the old campus getting us all high in sharp contrast to the ugly mood outside, the YIPPIE! war whoop as they played circle games on the lower green, a pilot etching peace symbols in the sky. Meeting Abbie Hoffman on the green—he says he's having a good time. It's been a successful weekend, violence is not always necessary, he says. Three hundred people jammed into dank Dwight Chapel to start a national student strike. Tom Hayden announcing the result of that meeting: the three national demands:

1. The United States government end the systematic oppression of all political dissidents and release all political prisoners.

2. The United States government cease escalation of the Vietnam War into Cambodia and Laos and unilaterally withdraw all forces from Southeast Asis.

3. Universities end complicity with the United States war machine with an immediate end to defense research, ROTC, counter-insurgency research, and all other such programs.

"Today is the beginning of a movement of the university communities right across the nation to say 'We cannot go on as long as there's a Cambodia, we cannot go on as long as there's a Vietnam, we will not go on as long as they try to kill Bobby Seale, Ericka Huggins, and the New Haven Panthers.' That is the call going out from New Haven today right across the country. Shut them down to open them up to reality. Shut them down. The universities have been supposed in the rhetoric of academia to stand for justice, to stand for humanism. But the most that they've done is to recognize officially in October and at other times that

Branford and Stiles groups march around the Green and back onto the Yale campus, about 100 strong.

9:50 As the Green clears, a crowd of several hundred appears outside Phelps Gate, the entrance to the Yale Old Campus, where rock bands had been playing to about 1,500 people. Meanwhile about 60 policemen march slowly, double file, across the Green from Church and Elm to Chapel and College. They line up on the Green side of College, opposite the crowd, while marshals from the demonstration continue efforts to get everyone back inside the gates. The effort is largely unsuccessful. Doug Miranda of the Panthers speaks on the Old Campus, urging calm.

10:10 The Branford-Stiles group reappears running down Elm Street towards Church Street. It is now a much larger group, and attracts several hundred from the curious crowd on College St. It reaches Church and effectively blocks traffic on Elm, but does not cross Church. As the crowd chants "Free Bobby Seale," marshals chanting "For the Panthers, On the Green" try to get people off Elms St. In response to the marshals, some yell "Pig, Pig," and "The streets belong to the people." There are about 100 National Guardsmen and a larger number of police on the opposite side of Church. Marshalls with a loudspeaker continue to call on the crowd to follow Panther leadership and return to Yale.

10:15 Police bring out a tear gas gun; shouts of "They're going to gas" send crowd back. Marshals link arms with medics and push crowd about halfway back to Temple.

10:20 With the gun still whirring but not gas, the crowd again mills forward. A minute or two later, the first few cannisters are fired, but the wind blows most gas back towards police (who have masks). More gas is fired a few minutes later from Church and Court, with same lack of effect. There is now about a half-block buffer zone between cops and demonstrators. Meanwhile Guardsmen and police are moving up Chapel.

10:30 Police release about 10 canisters of gas from Chapel and Temple; pushing crowd back towards Phelps Gate, but about 300 stay near Chapel and Temple after gas dissipates. The crowd is now down considerably from its height (estimated by Chief Ahern at 1,500-2,000, by most

Rally CROWDS BEGIN

students may take a few hours off from classrooms in order to deal with the process of peaceful assembly on the green.

Well the point is, can the peace movement stand again? I think it can. I think what can go out from here today is a giant coalition of those who were against the imperialist wars abroad, and those who are against the repression of the black colony at home. They can do it on that call that is going out from here for a national strike of students—they will I think be able to mount the momentum and bring that that Vietnam War and that Cambodian War to an end. It can be done. You cannot be defeated if you want to stand, that's the point. Next Saturday there is an assembly in Washington combining both those two interests—the Cambodian War and the supporters of the Panthers. You can go to Washington next week, but apart from that you've got to realize that we have had in New Haven already signs of success. When we shut Yale down, when the contempt citations were handed down, pressure was immediately mounted and those contempt citations had to be reversed and Hilliard and Douglas released. This is the power of the people actually working and we have not been defeated by refusing to be provoked into a fight on the streets by shunning disciplined commitment, by refusing that kind of combat, on terms which if we are provoked into fighting on their terms, we will be slaughtered. We have refused that battle and we will continue to refuse that battle, but we will continue to fight. It is not a question of refusing to fight. It is a question of refusing to fight on insane terms.

So the message here is to go back to your communities, to make this a summer of organized resistance to repression and to be able to organize those communities. There will always have to be a national focus. People will always have to go to Washington or New Haven or to whichever city happens happens to be in the focus of the moment. But over and above that, more importantly, is the kind of organization that we have tried to do in New Haven. We asked that Yale be closed and we asked that it be closed because we could not see how a university community could sit by and be unconcerned with the slaughter of the Panthers. And President Brewster himself had to feel this pressure and to announce that he was saddened and disgusted by the skepticism that he had that there could be no fair trial. This is a very guarded way of him saying there can be no fair trial. He knows it, you should know it, there can't be, the prisoners must be free and the universities will have to stay shut down if that is to happen. We've got to mobilize, we will win, we will win.

Tom Hayden

MAY 3

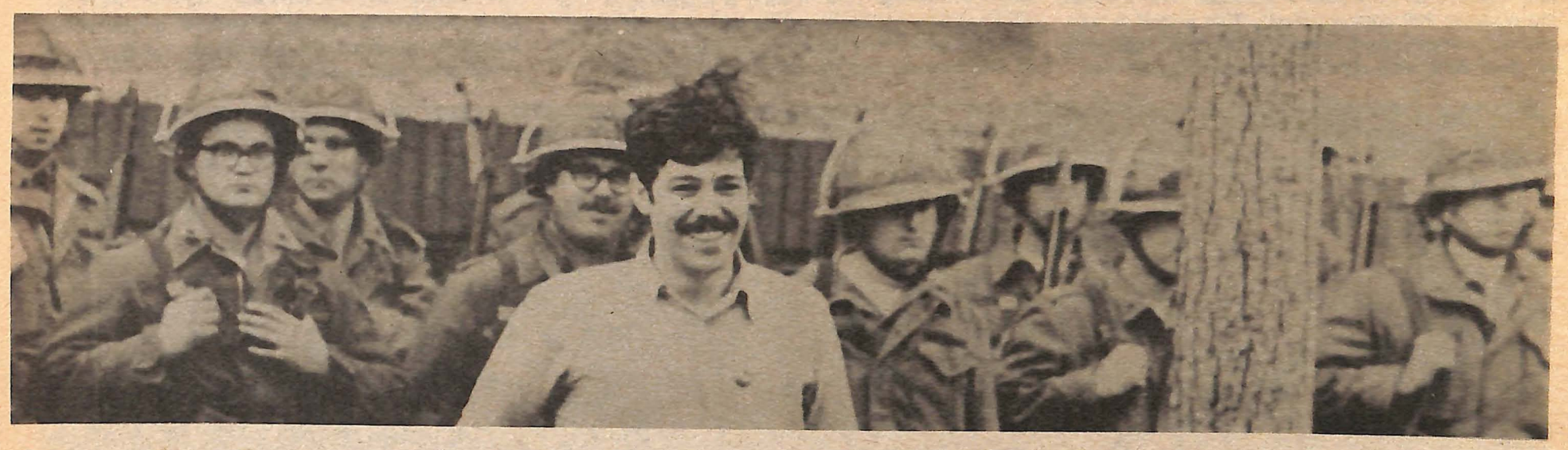
The guard has left one battalion here, and every once in a while we see a couple green machines go by. They're just here to impress all those sightseers who are in town today. "Gee, look the guard's still here. See all those signs about revolution on those boarded up stores? Off Nixon! NLF Is Gonna Win! What's that? Fuckin' football game? No, that's the NFL.

This was a variable lag riot. Yah, cause it all happened someplace else already.

Panthers were directing traffic on Elm and Broadway Friday night. They even turned back two national guard jeeps. Four black guys drove up in a car. They were drunk. It really freaked them out. They say, "Look at all that shit, man. Holy Shit! Black Panthers directing traffic, outta sight. Yelled out the window, Right On! Thought we'd taken the town. You know the people coming down Broadway, seein' all those stores boarded up and then the Panthers directing traffic probably thought we'd won! Then they come in, WHAT, New Haven's still there, don't see any barricades.

The circus was to be in town May 1-3 at the Arena but they cancelled it. Just shows to 'go you, you build a better circus and people will come. They were afraid some of their animals would be ripped off. Outta sight, can you imagine marching up to a national guard line on a fucking elephant? Talk about Eastern culture.

We were walking down Church St. Saturday night when suddenly a loudspeaker blared out: The United States has been bombing North Vietnam for the past four days. We think, Jesus Christ, there's another provocateur out. Then we find out its true.



reporters at about 1,000) Some rocks, bottles, and firecrackers are thrown in the direction of police, but few find their mark (only two cops are injured during the whole evening, neither seriously). Chief Ahern says missiles included bricks, lengths of pipe, and chains.

10:40 Dick Mann, Yale Mayday coordinator walks around with bullhorn saying "You're either with the Panthers or with the Pigs," asking people to follow Panther requests for peace. Several hundred are still in Temple St. area but marshalls feel they are beginning to control crowd. Meanwhile it is discovered that Phelps Gate has been locked; it remains closed for about 10 minutes. Just after 10:45 begin another series of gas canisters.

10:50 A continuing series of gas canisters clears the Green of all but about 100 people, scattered in ones and twos, many of whom are press. Phelps Gate is open; Allen Ginsberg is chanting on the Old Campus.

11:00 People come out of Phelps Gate and head up towards College and Chapel, where two companies of National Guards are standing with fixed bayonets. Marshals again try to get the crowd to move back; Panther Doug Miranda, Artie Seale, Tom Hayden of the Conspiracy 8, and Ken Mills of Yale try to stop further action.

11:20 Some rocks and bottles are thrown at the Guard, who respond with the night's biggest barrage of gas—about 30 pepper gas grenades, thrown both ways on College St. Demonstrators and reporters both said this was one of the heaviest gassings they had seen. The crowd flees to the old Campus, then across the street into Branford as fumes followed them. About a thousand people gathered in the old Campus listening to Allen Ginsberg are forced out onto High Street by the drifting gas cloud A while later, gas is released or drifts to College and Elm, sending another crowd fleeing down Elm. Ginsberg keeps chanting, with wet towels over his face. Another 200 people confront troopers at College and Wall, but the Guard sheeths bayonets and leaves after marshals promise to keep people on the sidewalk By this time, most people are inside and stay there.

FORMING ON GREEN

MAY 4

The demonstration is over. That it stayed peaceful is a tribute to all the local movement groups, but especially to the Panthers, who did an incredible job trying to keep things cool. They worked their asses off in the streets.

Of course the authorities will take the credit for frightening the "mobs" into peacefulness. Thus Governor Dempsey: "A remarkable show of force by police, national guard, and state police kept this city calm over Mayday weekend—*under the most provocative conditions* the police...executed their duties so that a minimum of damage and bodily injury was experienced. Thus Police Chief Ahern: *"They came to literally burn the city to the ground, and we didn't let it happen."*

There is no doubt the Panthers laid down the correct strategy for this demonstration. This was really the first time that the Panthers have been at the focal point of a major national action, particularly a predominately white action, when they've actually had to play the role of setting down a political line which it is necessary for others to follow. Judging from their wisdom here, all that stuff they say about being in the vanguard begins to make some sense to me. If they hadn't come down heavily for non-violence, New Haven would have erupted. They have had the experience and know what the national guard and police are capable of doing and how they do it. They probably knew when it was getting tight in there, and they reacted accordingly. They also knew that New Haven was not sufficiently together for the kind of street actions that have occurred in Berkeley and Cambridge. In the face of this inexperience, and in the face of the massive overkill strategy of the government, cooling it was the only sane tactic.

Anyway, this was just the first of many major actions in New Haven. After all, Seale's trial will not begin till next fall. We can become more militant when we are really ready to put our bodies on the line.

We did succeed, with generous help from the politicians and media, in psyching merchants into boarding their windows and closing their shops. They lost millions of dollars of business, in addition ran up huge bills for plywood, and provided the revolution with free billboards all at once.

Apparently, this exercise in overkill and terror is to be the new policy of the Nixon Administration. Dig it, we lost four brothers at Kent State today. Every time there is a national action planned, they will build it up in the media, creating a massive paranoia. They will set up lines that demonstrators cannot cross, in order to defend their terrortory. They will not wait for some action to take place, they will call in the troops in advance. Two thousand guard versus 200 demonstrators. That is the scenario we were confronted with Saturday night. All the people were doing was standing around watching a fire. The guard decided that they weren't going to be allowed on the green anymore, so they advanced on the people and pushed them back. That's when some started yelling and throwing bricks and rocks.

We heard all of two bottles smash before guards on the upper green unleashed the tear gas which drove people through Phelps Gate. Some guards continued on through the gate and threw more gas into the enclosed place. Later we got reports of canisters being lobbed into the A&A school, Stiles and other college courtyards *after* the crowd had been effectively cleared.

The person who claimed to be a Panther reporting arrests on the green Friday was undoubtedly a provocateur seeking to incite the crowd. We don't know who set the New Politics Corner Fire, but we cannot accept reports that it was accidental. Such coincidences are too unlikely. We can only speculate that it was set by the right in a more sophisticated attempt than Friday's to incite a riot. And late Saturday night, when all chances for a major riot seemed averted, the Panthers received a threat on their headquarters. Two hundred people flocked to Sylvan Ave. to put their bodies between the Panthers' and the police and the crisis passed. This may have been a last ditch effort by a provocateur to incite bloodshed, since it seems to have been one of a series of threats. Bread and Roses also received a bomb threat. The crowds can take credit for not being duped into major showdowns against the military state that was New Haven this weekend.

Our reliable source in the straight media gave us right on dope about the deployment of the guard in their show of force. We think his analysis of Nixon is also correct. Mayday makrs the end of the period of repressive tolerance. In the past, government policy was to give in to some minor demands, to make concessions in order to cool off the movement. Troop reductions, lesser penalties for dope users, the draft lottery are examples of such a policy. Nixon has decided that he can no longer give in on little things because success in any specific issue builds the movement. It would hurt the government to legalize pot.

Success, why that's the capitalist idea! What a rotten cricle. We're catching them in their own vicious circle. That's what movement is—when you're making the move and they're reacting, then they're caught in their contradiction.

Repressive tolerance is to be replaced by terror. Terror because our movement has gotten too big and must be frightened out of existence. Amerikan imperialism is losing. Nixon is forced to keep spreading his theatre of operation in Southeast Asia. That's how the French lost at Dienbienphu. Nixon can neither contain what is happening in Vietnam nor here at home, and he has blown his cools this past week. His actions to contain liberation in Asia have reached the point where they give greater impetus to the liberation struggle here than they could possibly take away from the NLF.

He leaves liberals who are outraged at his Cambodian action, and incensed at his resumption of the bombing, nowhere to go. Nixon has created a major constitutional crisis. The only two ways Congress can have control over what Nixon is doing is to cut off his funds or to impeach him. Americans for Democratic Action has already called for impeachment. In practical terms Nixon can do anything he wants with the army, so long as he can control the men in uniform. He can produce a fait accompli before anyone else who would like to check his power can do anything about it. All they can do is react. The United States constitution, already warped by decades of doublethink, is now as much endangered as was the Weimar Republic in 1932.

Nixon and Agnew are both blatant liars. The fact that they get away with as many lies as they do only shows how well they have conditioned Amerikan citizens to accept anything from anyone in authority as gospel.

The United States never attacks anything, never invades anything. It can't call anything what it really is, that would be too horrible.

Hitler didn't kill six million Jews, he eliminated the external problem of impure races so Germany could have some elbow room.

Nixon didn't resume the bombing of North Vietnam, he instituted augmented protective reaction strikes to accompany unarmed reconnaissance flights over the enemy's territory.

And Nixon didn't have the balls to tell the American people about the bombing for four days. Hanoi had to inform our citizens before Nixon would admit it.

What happens now? As I write, at least 50 colleges are supporting Jean Genet's and Tom Hayden's call for a nationwide student strike with more getting it on by the hour. Even Yale Law School, which balked all last week, voted overwhelmingly to end the school year tonight. *The government is about to face its greatest opposition ever.*

A mighty force of anger, right on. But we need our cools, too. After the outrage at Kent State, the temptation may be strong to try to get even with the national guard. But before we provoke fights and confrontations we should remember that we saw guardsmen who gave us the fist salute in the street, we saw some who didn't pull the pins in their canisters. We win when we don't play the government's games, because someday soon most of those troops are going to be on our side and they are going to let us know it.

We should learn from the success of this weekend. We had the whole conspiracy and the Panther leadership together here last weekend. And for the first time, all the raps seemed to come to a focal point, seemed to point the direction ahead. We free the Panthers by freeing ourselves.

11:50 -- Two bombs explode in a locker room at Ingalls Rink, and the noise is audible all over the campus. Only a hundred persons are in the rink at this time, an earlier rock party having largely ended. There are no serious injuries. Who set the blasts is unknown.

12:00 -- Troops, police, and Black Panther Party members patrol the streets. There are no further major incidents.

Police say a total of 17 persons were arrested in events related to the demonstrations Friday, including Bobby Sams, president of United Newhallville Inc. Yale New Haven Hospital treated three persons hurt in the demonstration; St. Raphaels treated two policemen. National Guard troop strength went from 2,500 in the afternoon to 1,500 in the evening to 400 by 2 A.M. Looking over the whole day, one National Guardsman said, "On a good night in Hartford, you'd get more damage than this".

SATURDAY

Saturday dawned hazy and quiet. By mid-morning the sun had burned away the haze, it was a warm spring day.

10:00 -- Workshops and discussions on avarietyof topics were

DISORDERS ERUPT; RINK

Dick Satz is a member of Cosmic Labs and Sunshine, who with the aid of Hog Farmers from the ASP bus, co-ordinated the weekend concerts. Cosmic Labs and Sunshine do traveling shows with circle dances, trust games, light shows, and plastic inflatable bubbles.

We were trying to put on an event which would cool people. out both Friday and Saturday nights. The Panthers didn't want people on the streets and we didn't want people on the streets. We also thought on our own that this would help combine the aspects of the cultural and the political revolution --- and those elements have to be combined if we're ever going to have a meaningful revolution.in this country.

The basic problem was that we didn't have permission for these concerts, festivals, whatever they were.. until 4 on Thursday afternoon. I remember the time because I looked at my watch, thinking about how I was going to set up with our trusty band of friends, a concert in that amount of time. We thought that our experience in controlling crowds, in working with crowds, in dealing with energy, that we could give people something to do that would help them get together, help them know each other, and provide them some music, some fun, some relaxation, just give them some ways to direct energy elsewhere than the streets, where they could only do some fool ass adventurous nonsense and not help anybody, especially the people in New Haven. The Hog Farm offered to come down. They called Thursday morning and asked if there was anything they could do and we thought there might be because their presence would be stabilizing to us, that they might be valuable in helping to feed people, although the strike committee did such a good job in those areas that they weren't needed.

We hired a sound system that we'd never used -- the one we wanted couldn't get there on time, which was again the fault of not knowing until Thursday afternoon, so we never had a fully adequate sound system. We rigged something together.

We were also required to do shows in Ingalls Rink and at the old campus at the order of the university. The university, in all good faith, not understanding the situation, not understanding crowds, felt that by spreading people out they would be able to prevent violence. Our feelings and our knowledge of the area was that if we kept people together we could form them into a unified, cohesive thing. We also told the University that there was no way that we could adequately protect people if we had them that spread out. We ended up, not through the fault of the Strike Committee, with no marshalls at either event.

One was bombed not seriously. I was on the phone to Ingalls Rink at the time it was bombed amd I heard a loud noise. I thought it was just a very bad tap at the time, that was causing interference.

We had a lot of trouble at the stage. People tried to grab the microphone. While the UP was playing, three women rushed the stage, up the stairs and were stopped by one of the guards.

We had more trouble later. There was a person who said he represented the Black Panthers of New York who grabbed the mike and said people had been arrested on the green and he started screaming that he didn't want music; this was revisionism. He was a constant problem and at one time he tried to stop a tape recorder with a pair of scissors. He gave us quite a bit of trouble through the night. But people on the strike committee, especially Bill Farley, helped us. A number of people tried to stop the concert and said they didn't want music. "People are getting gassed in the streets, how can you sit here and listen to music?" We said, "Well, the Panthers don't want people getting gassed in the streets and we don't think people should be in the streets, is this going to help free Bobby?"

At that point we called the Panther Defense Committee and they got Doug Miranda down there. Doug came down and gave a great speech, I thought, trying to explain to the crowd why they should stay in the old campus, stay off the streets, and stay cool.

The gas started to waft on and Ginsberg put on the most incredible show I've ever seen. As everyelse was gasping and running inside we took water to him. I never saw him blink or cough or hesitate for a second. Whether he was so deep into his chanting he didn't notice the gas, or whether he realized what he was doing was so important, he kept going. There were only 50 people around when he started chanting, and he must have gone over an hour. The crowd grew and seemed to be mesmerized by his presence and his chanting. His calming influence was one of the most important things in keeping people off the streets.

Saturday night was a separate story. Though I initially thought there shouldn't be live music, there was a big disagreement about whether or not to have live music. The decision which made sense was to get people to go home and not to have live music but that avoided the reality of what were the people who stayed going to do? I was in Berkeley College at 8:00 and those people weren't chanting "We want to trash". They were chanting, "We want music." Part of the feeling was the weekend should end on a political note and there were to be political speakers at the music both places both nights, but that couldn't be scheduled in with the pandemonium in the streets.

We just had some recorded music which attracted quite a few people. It kept them together. It kept them there through the fire at the New Politics Corner.

We did try to get big name bands. Part of the problem was that it was so late no band was gonna play without a place that they knew they could play. The big problem was with their agents, people who are in it only for the money, who the bands all are protected by and have to go through. Most of them said, "This is just another free thing, and we get asked to do free things all the time. I'm not even going to tell the band."

held on the Yale campus. Many people prefered to remain on the green, sunning themselves, smoking dope, or watching and occasionally trying Yoga exercizes.

12:00 -- Provocateurs started a confrontation with police in front of City Hall on the Church St. side of the green. Police responded by ringing the City Hall and temporary Police Station next door shoulder to shoulder. The gathering crowd rapidly attracted a gathering crowd. Though many people loudly advised one another not to join the mass move to that area, more than half the thousand or so people on the green congregated in front of City Hall. The confrontation continued for about an hour and dwindled slowly. Apparently nothing more serious than name calling occured.

2:00 -- More workshops at the university. The Panther Defense Committee held a press conference at their Chapel St. office. Miranda stated that the disturbances Friday night were led by "police hired provocateurs and right wing groups". He called the black youth who had started rumors of arrests on the green at Branford Friday night " a police agent".

2:30 -- 150 Yippies held a spontaneous rally on the green. They called for dope and were soon all smoking in a circle.

BOMBED Rally Ends,

"They oughtta put em all in a tank and gas em", "yeh, what the hell do them niggers want anyway?" "I'd like to know what happened to all them guns."

A policeman answers, "They probably have them all stashed in their dormitories at Yale." That was the pig's reply, well what the fuck, we'll excuse it, he was a West Haven Pig, it's understandable.

"The Hell's Angels are in town, they'll whip their asses, fuckin commies, all commie teachers and everything tryin to blow the city up," "that's right they should shoot to kill if they start any trouble."

Heavy? You think this is heavy? I could got on for two or three pages with remarks like these that I overheard in diners at 7:00 a.m. throughout the New Haven area: citizens discussing the invasion of "them dirty hippies," their sons and daughters. Friday afternoon, 15,000, not the expected 30,000, turned out for the rally. Most were rather apprehensive; after all, the fucking media had this thing billed as the bloodbath of the century.

Well fuck em, they didn't get their bloodbath, they hardly got to use all that NEW EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT! The most legitimate reason they had for using it Friday night was to break it in. Their desire to do so was probably their "provocation." We had an overwhelming victory with the cool assistance from the Panthers and of course the marshals.

I encountered a few problems with the Yale student marshals, some of whom were unknowledgeable. They didn't really know what they were doing, why they were out thre, or what actual significance the rally had. Saturday night, some who were overeager to get the crowd inside Phelps Gate, told us gas was being exploded while the police were still using smoke bombs. I overheard two who told national media that Yippies had started the trouble. Who the fuck are Yippies? Straight Amerika still believes that when you put on a uniform you must know what you're talking about. We know that anyone can don a yellow headband, but that doesn't make him an authority on anything. MARSHALS HAVE GOT TO BE CHOSEN CORRECTLY– OR EDUCATED PREVIOUSLY TO THE RAP THEY SHOULD GIVE TO THE MEDIA.

The rally Friday afternoon was as peaceful as a summer picnic–outta sight heavy raps from all speakers referring to Marcuse's theory of "the second stage of repression." Good music, good vibes. Friday night arrived, the pigs finally got to jerk-off, their chrome-plated pricks spewing out "pepper gas" over the Green because some people felt like sitting on the Green. Then the pigs put up one of their invisible lines and told everyone to get behind it or else–same old shit, they have to flex their fuckin' muscles after spending all that fuckin' bread. Then they go back to the taxpayers and ask for more bread for more weapons for more "law and order."

So it's a regular 4th of July for five or ten minutes Friday night–releasing enough gas to fuck up the whole city. Even as far as Broadway, gas station attendants had to run inside for cover.

So the adventurists got their whiff of tear gas and went loping off to the SAFETY of the Yale campus. Later, when the pigs moved in with gas, students found the enclosed courtyards of Yale made a nice trap. The radicalization of a lot of Joe Yales occurred, a necessary step on the revolutionary road. It's nice to have such willing teachers; the New Haven police provided the troops for a fine fascist teach-in. Now that the teach-in has passed and most of you have learned your lessons well, put the experience you gained to good use, remember what your tolerance to tear gas is, remember how troops and police are deployed, remember all these things and anything else pertaining, if not for confrontation, then for evasion. YOU ARE THE REVOLUTION. Let's also remember not to put down brothers who are at a higher level of confrontation than you are–you might be out front next time. I saw a whole lot of un-cool heads screaming and yellin for no apparent reason except to supply the pigs with more provocation.

It was supposed to be non-violent and it was, but be sure you don't follow the same procedures next time: Don't follow the crowd, don't allow yourselves to be herded onto campus, disperse in opposite directions, outflank the mothers, and come around from behind.

Saturday night everyone's balls had swelled a little, they no longer ran when the smoke bombs hit the green. Everyone waited for the gas AND EVERYONE WAS CAUGHT IN THE CRUSH AT PHELPS GATE AND GASSED! I hope that's not your trip next time around. And so for the most part it was peaceful. Guida and Dempsey are dissapointed after spending all the bread for nothing, so they're putting the pressure on the media to show everyone how the New Haven Police Department and National Guard rid their city of the "dirty hippies." But even their pet paper is not co-operating as well as they would like it to.

I learned a lot over the weekend; I'm sure you did, so there lies the excuse to stop this analysis–I have work to do–don't you?

4:00 -- The speeches resumed at the second mass rally on the green, introduced by two giant peace symbols drawn in the sky by a skywriter. Doug Miranda, local Black Panther Party chief, began by criticising the violence of the night before. He pointed out that disorganized violence can only help the pigs and that the black community will suffer the consequences. Women's Liberation and the Gay Liberation Front rapped before Jerry Rubin gave the third performance of his speech for the weekend, followed by Artie Seale's presentation of a taped message from Bobby; "When we were kids we pledged allegiance to the flag--- with liberty and justice for all." He said people seemed to forget that part. Emphasized the need for non-violence.
Tom Hayden called for a nation-wide student strike on Tuesday and was greeted by rousing chants of STRIKE! STRIKE! STRIKE!!

6:30 -- Rally ended, most people dispersed and went home or to the colleges for dinner.

8:30 -- Fire broke out in the New Politics Corner, an office for liberal politics being used as a rally information center.

8:45 -- People streamed down Elm St. and poured out of Phelps Gate across the green to Church and Elm. Marshalls restrained them from crossing Church St. The crowd spilled onto Elm St., some watching the fire from the courthouse steps.
A Panther sound truck suggested to those present that the fire was the work of a provocateur. Workers in the office said, however, that they heard no explosion before the fire began, nor did they see any suspicious behavior outside the building. The only access to the site of the fire in the basement was through the office. The furnace was known to be faulty and may have caused the fire. The basement and first floor were extensively damaged by smoke.

9:00 -- The crowd complied with a police request to leave Elm St. and the sidewalk and move to the green.

9:10 -- Marshalls urged the crowd to return to the Old Campus. 700 people followed the Panther sound truck up Elm across College St. to Phelps Gate but about 200 remained on the green.

9:15 -- The guard and police set up lines down Elm St. between Church and College. Police lobbed smoke bombs into the green. 20 police at College and Chapel Streets switched on their gas

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Everybody's got to go away from here. Close our high schools and colleges. Cause they're prisons. They're prisons for us. Because America eats its children. And we're the victims. And we're as oppressed as black people are. I'm ready to say we're more oppressed. Because they're fighting for their freedom. We've got to begin and continue fighting for our freedom....

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We gotta get one thing straight. Nobody's gonna give us our freedom. Yale University is trying to co-opt this rally by opening their doors to us. All Brewster wanted to do was to have it cool this weekend. He's not our friend.

Jerry Rubin

Kingman Brewster's unfamiliar role as a bedfellow of the movement seems about to come to an end.

Last week Brewster all but shattered Yale's neutrality by encouraging the strikers and their move to pen Yale's doors to the demonstrators, and to feed thousands of them in the courtyards.

When he announced that he was "skeptical of the ability of black revolutionaries to achieve a fair trial anywhere in the United States he brought the wrath of Vice President Spiro Agnew down upon him. Agnew called for Brewster's ouster, appealing to alumni to "demand a more mature and responsible person" to head the institution. Agnew united 3,000 Yale students in support of Brewster.

Now it appears that Brewster may have been motivated primarily by a concern to save Yale from trashing and destruction by the demonstrators. While deploring Nixon's escalation of the Southeast Asian War as "dreadful policy," Brewster claims a strike would be a defeatist policy. With all the more conventional avenues of protest long since exhausted, one wonders what Brewster would consider to be a positive, rational plan.

Brewster announced that he was directing the deans ti inform their faculties that regular academic expectations would be restored on Tuesday May 5, the very day on which the national strike has been called. Dean May has apparently offered those students who had passing grades as of April 23 to take a grade of S for the semester, a good liberal copout to maintain the myth of neutrality.

Brewster showed no signs that he learned anything from this weekend. He still has the narrow view that "education remains a university's main formal business and its chief responsibility to its students." while throwing well-gnawed bones to the strikers: "Yale remains committed to an insistence on a fair criminal process. " (Last week, Brewster implied that a fair trial was impossible), "Yale must also find ways of making a more constructive contribution to an improved condition of its poorest neighbors."

The strike steering committee termed Brewster's proposals to meet the five demands as "completely unsatisfactory." Tonight, the Yale Daily News, which was the lone Ivy League paper to dissent from a joint call to strike, was the object of 100 demonstrators. A ROTC review earlier in the day also provoked a response.

While colleges all over the country tonight are falling all over each other to join the strike, there is some indication that the strike here is losing impetus among some who have been very active the past few weeks. Activity in Dwight Hall has dropped off since this weekend. Many of the colleges have nevertheless voted to continue striking. The graduate schools reacted strongly to events in Southeast Asia with the Law School, Music School, and Divinity School joining the Graduate Senate on strike. Yale strike leaders will have to reach the estimated 50 per cent of the students who split last weekend, and missed the only real education Yale has provided in the last four years.

spreader. The roar of the machine attracted some people. Marshalls asked the police sergeant to turn the spreader off but he replied, "If they want a war, let them come."

9:30 -- Most of the demonstrators were inside Phelps Gate but 100 remained on the green and another couple hundred along College St. Two bottles smashed on College and Elm and the police responded with their first barrage on tear gas.

9:40 -- Tear gas cannisters landed on the Elm St. side of the green as demonstrator jammed into Phelps Gate. Mostly press remained on the green.

9:50 -- Police began throwing cannisters of very intense gas down College St., despite little or no provocation from the dwindling band of demonstrators. Gas continued landing in the green. Ahern's intention was to leave Phelps Gate the only escape route.

10:00 -- Tear gas landed in front of the gate and gas wafted into the Old Campus which had to be evacuated. Some guard actually were spotted inside the gate. Police at Chapel and College let loose, provoced by a flurry of rocks and bottles. A dense fog rolled from Chapel to Elm, spreading to make much of downtown impassable.

10:10 -- Others fired gas at Chapel and York; a police car dropped two cannisters in front of the Library. Six students sitting singing in front of guardsmen and police on York were gassed. For the next two hours, police continued to indiscriminately gas College, High and York Streets until the gas was so thick no one remained outside. An unmarked white Volvo was seen to throw five cannisters into the passage leading to Morse and Stiles Colleges. 20 protesters singing "America" in front of the A & A building were gassed with CN, a powerful lingering irritant. Guard blocked off the whole area from Park to Grove Streets.

12:00 -- National Guard began to leave; received orders to unfix bayonets.

12:45 -- All intersections reopened.

1:30 -- Panthers and Bread and Roses receive bomb threats.

2:00 -- 200 people placed their bodies between Panthers and an expected police vamp. Threat never materialized.

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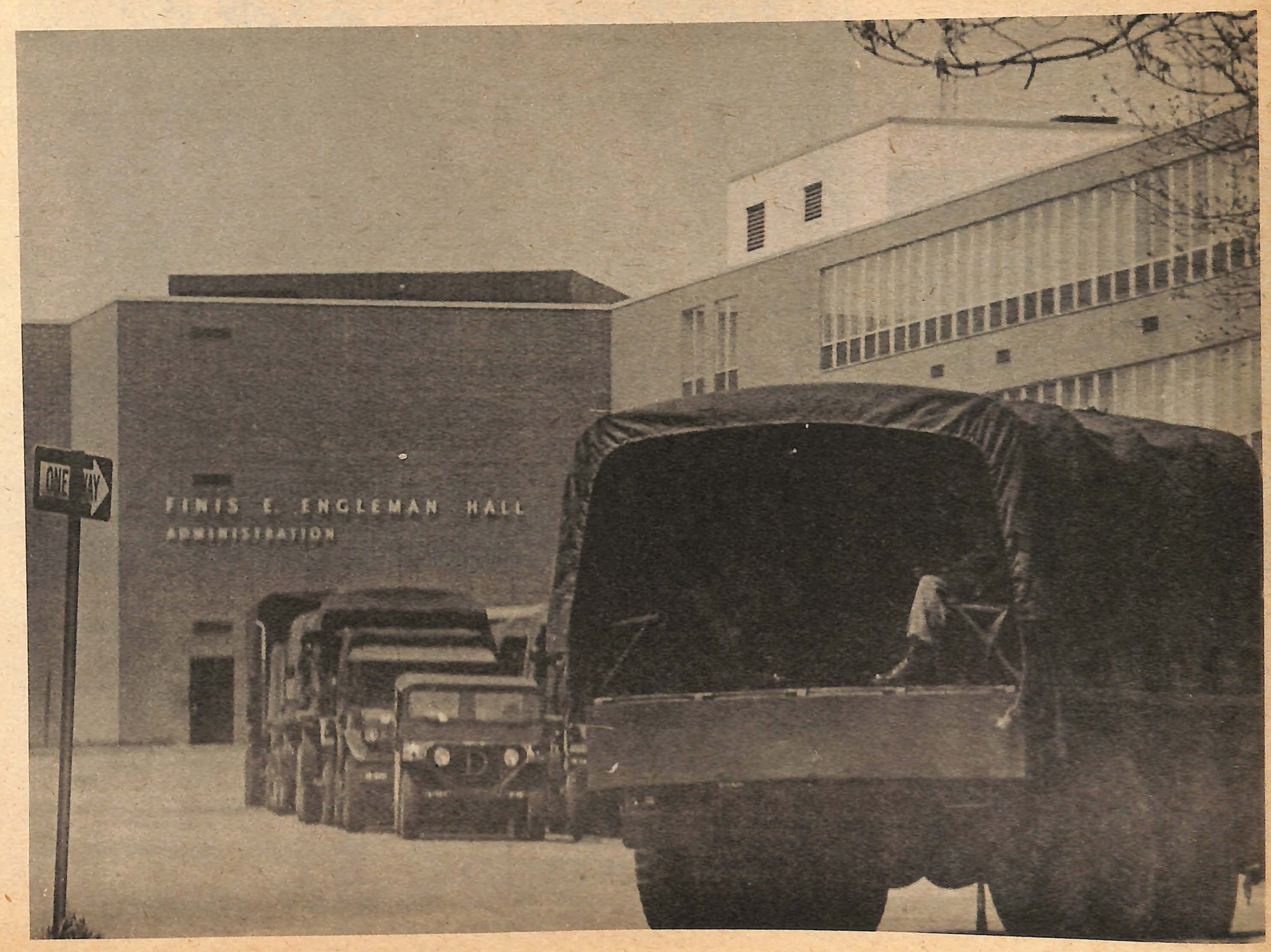


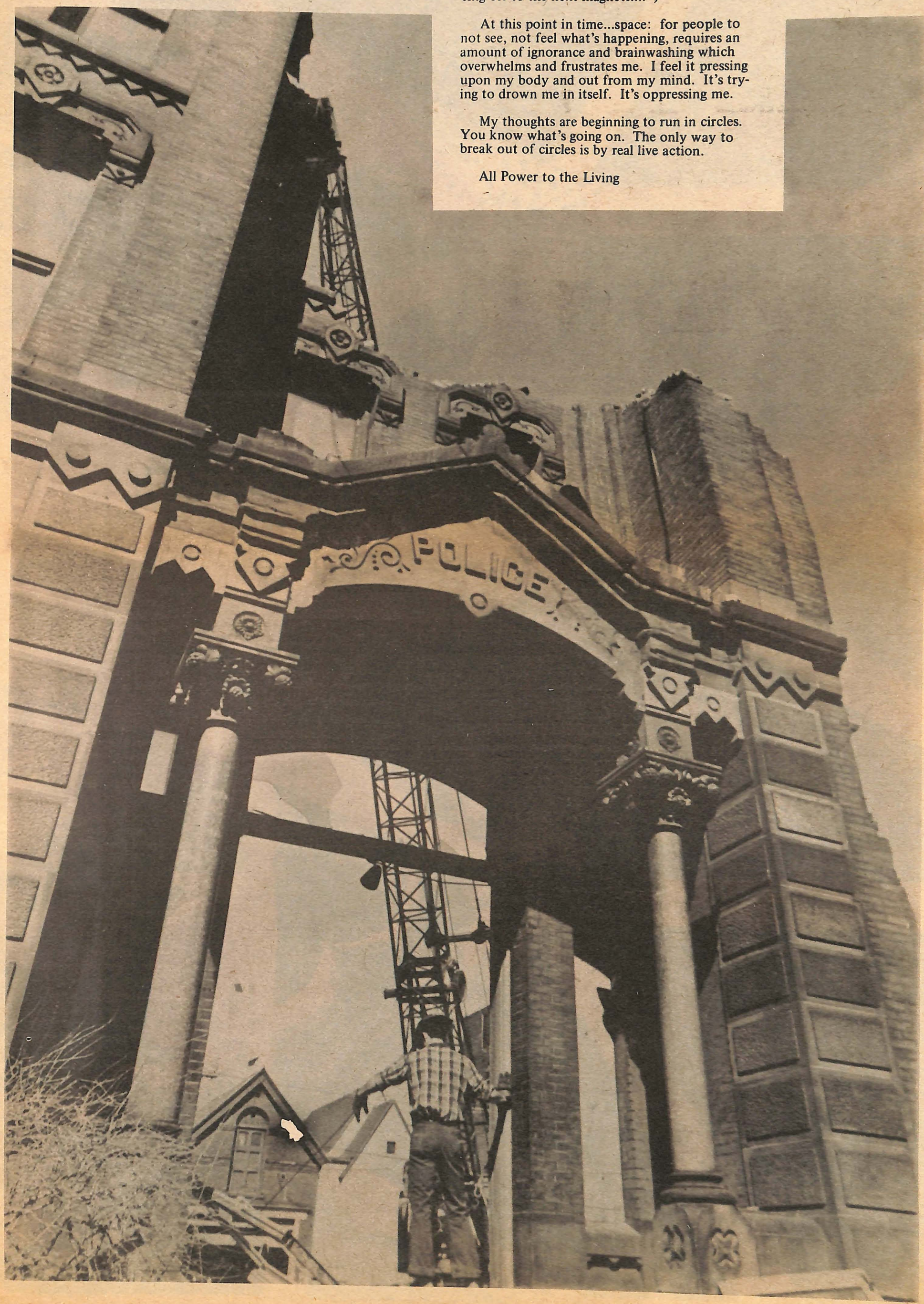
Some days are heavier than others. Today, I talked to people. Moved my lips, my tongue, my diaphragm; sent my mind in circles, spirals, tangents, and touched people.

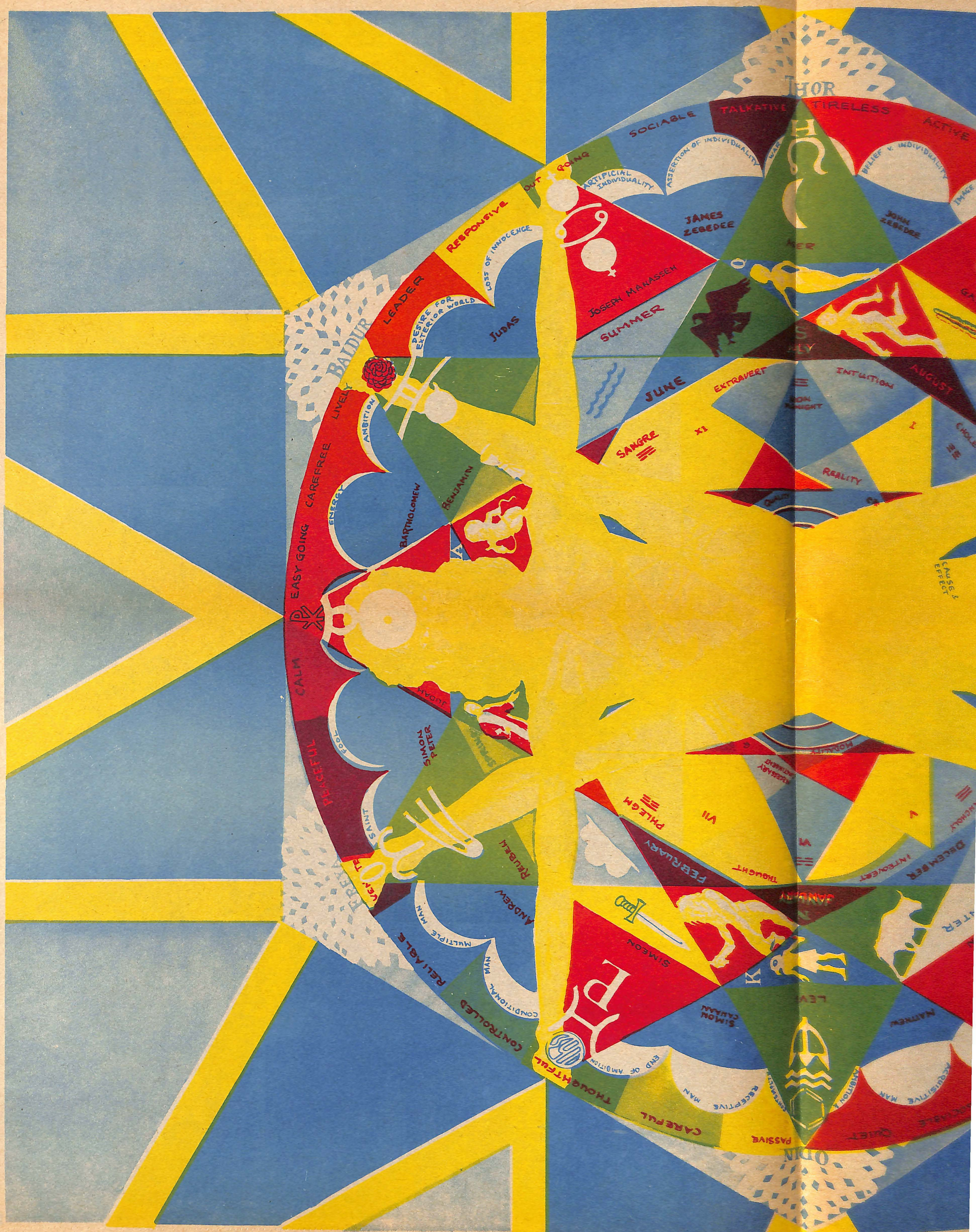
Our lives are snowballing..... ever ball in the snow????? There's an enormous surge of energy. (Two magnets are at opposite ends of a universe. Their energies reach just far enough to feel each other. They begin to draw together. The closer they get, the faster they move, till they slam bang together with a surge of resounding energy, energy, energy..... and go ball-bouncing off to the next magnet.....)

At this point in time...space: for people to not see, not feel what's happening, requires an amount of ignorance and brainwashing which overwhelms and frustrates me. I feel it pressing upon my body and out from my mind. It's trying to drown me in itself. It's oppressing me.

My thoughts are beginning to run in circles. You know what's going on. The only way to break out of circles is by real live action.

All Power to the Living

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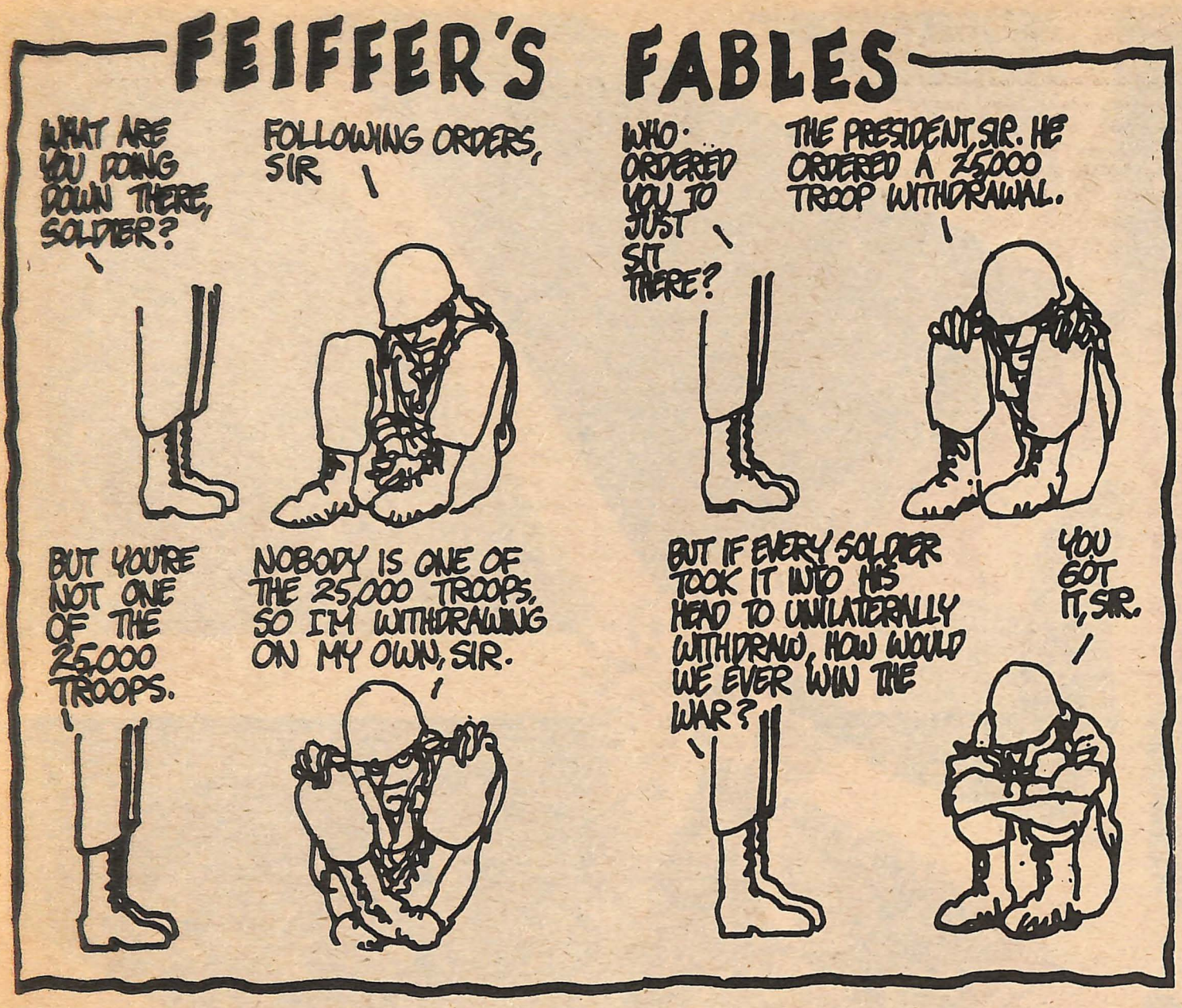

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The United States has lost the War in Vietnam and has now started the War in Indochina. In Vietnam American troops have been pushed back to their military bases. The Viet Cong controls about 80% of the territory of South Vietnam. *Even conservative or fearful people* in South Vietnam have come to support complete and immediate withdrawal. For example, during February thousands of factory workers, dock workers and clerical workers went out on strike to protest the policies of their "government" and to demand higher wages and better working conditions. On February 19, 5000 striking Vietnamese dock workers demanded higher wages and the removal of American overseers who now control their work.

The American military effort has been beaten and can no longer conduct a ground war against the Vietnamese. Instead, for the past year the U.S. effort has been mainly saturation bombing of Vietnam. B-52's have been taking off from South Vietnam, and Thailand. Nixon's April 20 war speech referred to his successful "pacification" program. He forgot to mention that it is pacification from the sky. With an air war you don't need too many ground troops. When Nixon says he will withdraw 150,000 **ground** troops in a year, he knows it will not decrease the war effort. The ground troops, forced into the cities and their military bases, were beginning to get in each other's way. Withdrawing some will make the war easier.

The men who make U.S. policy know that American technology -mainly B-52 bombers–and $30 billion a year will allow the U.S. to continue to bomb Vietnam indefinitely. Then, the United States would never have to admit defeat. But there is a problem. Twenty more years of war probably would be too much for the American people especially since Nixon got elected in part, on the grounds that he would end the war

The Nixon administration came up with a two part solution: 1) Vietnamization and 2) Expansion of the war into other Southeast Asian countries. Vietnamization would change the skin color of the dead soldiers. This would make the war more tolerable for Americans and give the U.S. government more time. Expanding the war into Laos and Cambodia would isolate the National Liberation Front, deprive them of supplies and make it harder for them to resist *the U.S. saturation bombing, bombings kept secret from the American public.* Though we had massive bombings of Laos, expansion of the war did not work out as planned by the U.S. Two hundred American military personnel have been killed. Two hundred pilots have been reported missing. Five hundred planes costing $1.6 million each have been lost. And the forces of the U.S. and the government of Laos have lost control over the strategic Plain of Jars. The revolutionary forces in Laos even pushed westward to within ½ mile of the Long Chen military base where the CIA has equipped and trained 35,000 mercenary soldiers. Protection of this military base is vital to the U.S.-CIA military effort in Laos.

The U.S. government says that all the fighting in Laos is due to foreign forces in that country. The government doesn't mention the thousands of Laotians who earn only 70 cents a day and have long lived in misery. They are willing to fight for their own revolution to win a decent life.

Cambodia

In Cambodia the military government under General Lon Nol which overthrew Prince Sihanouk is meeting growing opposition from people who want to reestablish an independent neutralist country. The American press has tried to make it seem as if "foreign" (i.e. NLF and North Vietnamese) forces are the only people in Cambodia trying to establish an independent democratic country. If it weren't for the NLF in Cambodia, the U.S. government argues, the Cambodian people would be happy to have a military dictatorship supported by the United States. But even the **New Haven Register** reported a different story. The **Register** said that the guerilla forces in Cambodia who are trying to establish a socialist country are not NLF but Cambodians who support Sihanouk. The **Register** reported on March 30, "The government pictures much of this (violence) as Viet Cong activity. Typical was the report by the government that three columns of Viet Cong troops were marching on Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Instead, first hand evidence gathered in the provinces shows that organized Sihanouk supporters are ready to march on the capital, not Viet Cong troops."

Now that the U.S. has expanded the war into Cambodia, it would create more antiwar protests in the U.S. and separate the United States even more from countries throughout the world. But to isolate the NLF, the U.S.-Saigon forces had to expand their war into Cambodia and violate that country's neutrality. American clever policymakers were in a bind. They reached a "compromise" as reported in the **New York Times** (April 17, 1970): "Thus a compromise was reached. The South Vietnamese were allowed to undertake harassing attacks [into Cambodia]. But both the United States and the South Vietnamese would continue to state publicly their respect for Cambodian neutrality." When in doubt, lie.

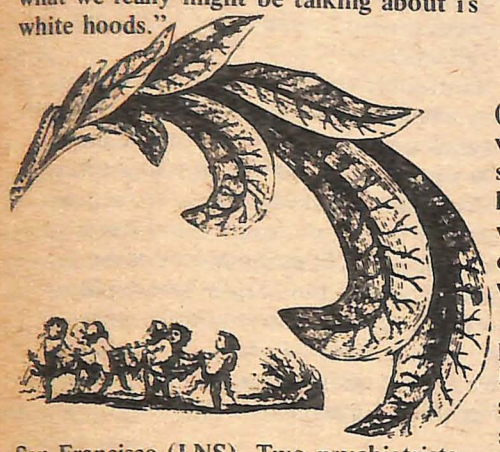
To win in Vietnam, the United States has had to expand the war into Laos and Cambodia. To fight a war on three fronts is much more difficult than dealing with only one country. When the French tried to defeat the Vietnamese before 1954, they had a similar plan. The plan of the French Commanding General Navarre was to isolate the Vietnamese by expanding the war to Laos. The French followed Navarre's plan. However, unable to fight on two fronts at once, the French were powerless to defend their base at Dien Bien Phu, located close to the Laotian border. Several months after the French expanded the war to Laos, they were defeated at Dien Bien Phu. History will repeat itself. Five years ago the United States could not defeat the Vietnamese on the battlefields of South Vietnam. So the U.S. government expanded the war to North Vietnam and started bombing there. That didn't work. So they ordered the bombing and invasion of Laos and Cambodia. Not only will this plan fail, but it will also make U.S. defeat in Indochina final. Nixon's April 20 speech said that the mighty American Eagle has never lost a war. He was wrong. The Eagle has lost the war in Vietnam. But because of technology it has not had to admit defeat–yet.

(Quicksilver Times) Fascist Berkeley

Berkeley (LNS)--Mayor Wallace Johnson of Berkeley recently has announced more detailed plans for a block warden system to keep an eye on radicals.

He said the wardens would be called Public Safety Volunteers, and would be "trained to observe by taking notes, recordings and photographs during riots".

In addition to the American Civil Liberties Union, several Berkeley councilmen have denounced the plan. Ron Dellums noted that "about 40 years ago, another country set up block wardens--Nazi Germany." Councilman Warren Widener said : "Some will say we're just talking about whitehat observers. But what we really might be talking about is white hoods."



San Francisco (LNS) Two psychiatrists have recommended a year's disability leave for a 43-year-old policeman who they say is suffering from "battle fatigue" because of the "revolutionary" social disorder with which he must cope, UPI reported.

One of the psychiatrists, Dr. Martin Blinder, described the disorder as " a phenomenon seen with increasing frequency in this day of civil confrontation."

The policeman, Jon Crotty, has become apprehessive over "crowds, verbal abuse, high speed pursuits, the possibility of physical threats," the report said.

He feels a conflict "between an obligation to perform his police work faithfully and heroically, and his feelings of being increasingly less able to do so (because of) revolutionary social changes in this country," the report said.

On the afternoon on April 28, 20 plainclothesmen from the New Haven police force descended on a local co-operative house with a search warrant for explosives, particularly for the 145 pounds of mercury stolen last week. They attempted to kick the front door in, although a resident was offering to open it for them. They searched the house thoroughly, but found no explosives. They did find some "dangerous chemicals" in one room, and busted the two people who lived in that room, Jake Herms and Greg Wells, for "possession of explosives with the intention of harming persons or property". (The charges are stated in different ways in different places in the police department). The bail was set at 15,000 dollars apiece.

The next day, when it became apparent that this bail could be raised, both bails were reset at 50,000 dollars , in an obvious move to keep Jake and Greg in jail for the weekend. And, in fact, on May 5 the bail was lowered to 2,000 dollars, and both were released until their trail July 28. The mercury has still not been found, nor have the hundreds of guns that were stolen.

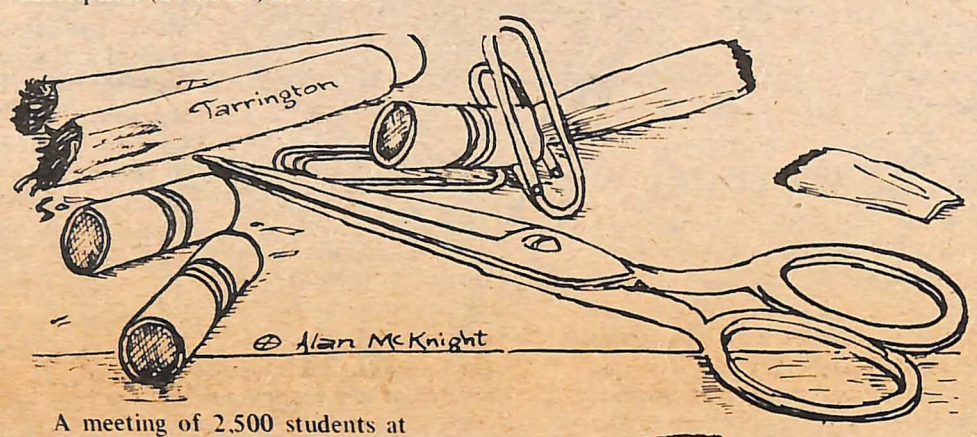
The police have busted two little guys in their inability to find the heavy stuff. But the little guys, and their neighbors, suffer from this ineptitude. So far, SCSC has refused to allow Greg to return to school, one of the residents of the co-op has lost his job merely for living there, and three other residents have been threatened with the same.

Got a call just now from a sixth grader at Chatham School in Cheshire who wanted to know where VFB is sold in that area because her mother is making her read a book by William F. Buckley. She said, "Screw my old lady. I'm a yippie, she's like Spiro Agnew." Far Out. A sixth grader. Dig on that, brothers and sisters. It's working out fine. keep on truckin'

(Left Face) New York-Newsweek Magazine whose March 23 issue features a cover story (cover : a nude girl inside a woman's liberation symbol) on the establishment's version of women's liberation or how to capitalize on a hot issue is experiencing a women's revolt of its own.

Forty-six of the magazine's women employees filed a complaint with the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, charging that women at Newsweek are systematically discriminated against in both hiring and promotion, and are forced to assume a subsidary role simply because they are women.

Reprinted from "off our backs" (a women's news-journal) 2318 Ashmead Place, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20009. A one year subscription (24 issues) at $6.00.



A meeting of 2,500 students at UCONN Monday night called for a strike to begin Thursday. The strike is being supported by the Daily Campus (newspaper), WHUS radio, the Interfraternity Council, Black Student Union, SDS, Women's Lib. and others.

Albertus Magnus voted Monday night to join the strike.

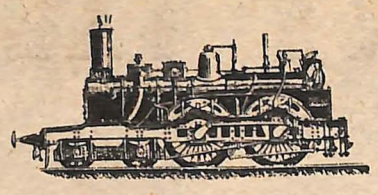
An overwhelming margin of the 1,500 students present voted to strike at Wesleyan.

A "marijuana awareness packet" may be obtained free by writing to the Connecticut State Police Dept., 100 Washington St., Hartford. A stamped, self-addressed return envelope must be enclosed.

The packet contains synthetic tablets which give off an odor exactly the same as the smell of marijuana. They are sold by a California firm which will sell them only in large quantities to educational agencies.

State Police Commissioner Leo J. Mulcahy wants parents to send for a free packet because it will alert them to the smell of marijuana in the event their offspring decide to try it.

The cost to the packets is being underwritten by an anonymous member of the Committee on Drug Eradication.. The donor feels it tis important for parents and teachers to become familiar wit the smell of pot.



Now dig this; I get a call from Middlesex Community College, that's right, Community College! Their strike committee has called for an emergency meeting of the student body for today, (Mon. May 4th), at 3:00 pm to support the three National Strike Demands, plus some outasight demands of their own. It seems that this little town's beaurocrats got the idea they could keep people off the streets by creating a prestigious brochure claining things such as Dr. Bradley Biggs-Dean of Faculty and Acedemics who actually has no doctorate at all, also Dr. Robert Beauchamp, Eng. Instructor, B.A. M.A., Ph. D. and who is being paid accordingly doesn't even have his M.A. yet. There were a few others also.

What does this mean? It means that they have been lied to by the school administration, and the politicians who are all probably well aware of these conditions, offering a form of higher education which does not exist, which reaffirms Jerry Rubin's statement "higher education is an advanced form of toilet training." The politico's feel safe as long as they're providing some kind of indoctrination program to get you to adapt to this insane capitalist society.

(UPS) Two lesbians have taken on the entire US military establishment. Antonitta Graland, 23, from Nashville, and Sandy Hagen, 20, from Brooklyn, are AWOL from the Women's Army Corps as eloped lovers.

Sandy and "Tony" are female homosexuals, members both of Women's Lib and Gay Lib. They oppose the war, ally themselves with the War Resisters League, and fellow escaped soldiers. They decided to leave the military because it degrades human persons, forbids sexual freedom, and devotes itself to bigotry and killing.

The pair contacted Gay Liberation leader Morris Kight after they fled from boot camp at Anniston, Alabama (bad bus burning burg) where they had completed basic training and started on a clerk-typist training course. They've been AWOL since Jan. 3.

After lining up ACLU lawyers in DC and Birmingham, Kight phoned the Pentagon and scheduled Lincoln's birthday in the LA Unitarian Church for the surrender of the women. Kight also invitted media men to witness the ripoff.

The brass copped out and left TV screens blank.

Do You Know Why You Are A Degenerate?

(Harry) Yes, you. Are you aware of the reasons why you are a dope-ridden chromosome-damaged hippie pervert revolutionary?

There is only one reason. That is -- prayers have been taken out of the Public Schools. That's right. Aren't you glad you know why you are what you are?

Think about it for a minute. Has the subject entered your head in the last five years? Has it ever? See, that's why you're a degenerate. You haven't even thought about it you ignorant motherfucker.

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The answer to fucked up untogether society changes, bad vibes, lack of communication, etc. has been discovered. Next years model of the "human being", types I and II will have the revolutionary innovation introduced April 23 at a meeting of the spacial arrangement confreence held this year in a cubicle suspended 73 feet above the ground; grid co-ordinates A-1623-RX by PL-722152 by RMx -41739-P, Planet Earth, Phase 271 in the 14th revolution of the cosmic spiral.

Decided at this time was the addition of a third leg to species sapien planet earth. Including in this new design two sets of genitals to be operated simultaneously by either one pair Type I and II of any group of such organisms. The final result being a monthly ritual where all organisms line up around the planet in a biological - copulatory chain forming a total globe enveloping orgasm at the same time.

New York (LNS) The FBI has arrested the first of the twelve top Weatherpeople who were recently indicted for conspiracy to riot in Chicago last October. Linda Evans, a Weatherwoman activist from the Detroit area, was captured by federal agents on a street in New York's East Village.

At the same time, another Weatherwoman, Dianne Donghi, was also picked up by the FBI here and charged with paying for an airlines ticket with a bad check. She was also named as a co-conspirator but not as a defendant in the new Conspiracy indictments.

Evans and Donghi are among the fifty odd Weatherpeople who stuck with the organization when it decided to go underground sometime after its December "War Council" in Flint, Michigan.

Evans is being held on $75,000 bail which she has been unable to raise. Donghi's bail was set at $20,000.

Guns At Sperry Falls

by Maureen and Donald

(Note: This is the first in a possible series of articles for a VFB "Travel and Leisure Section.")

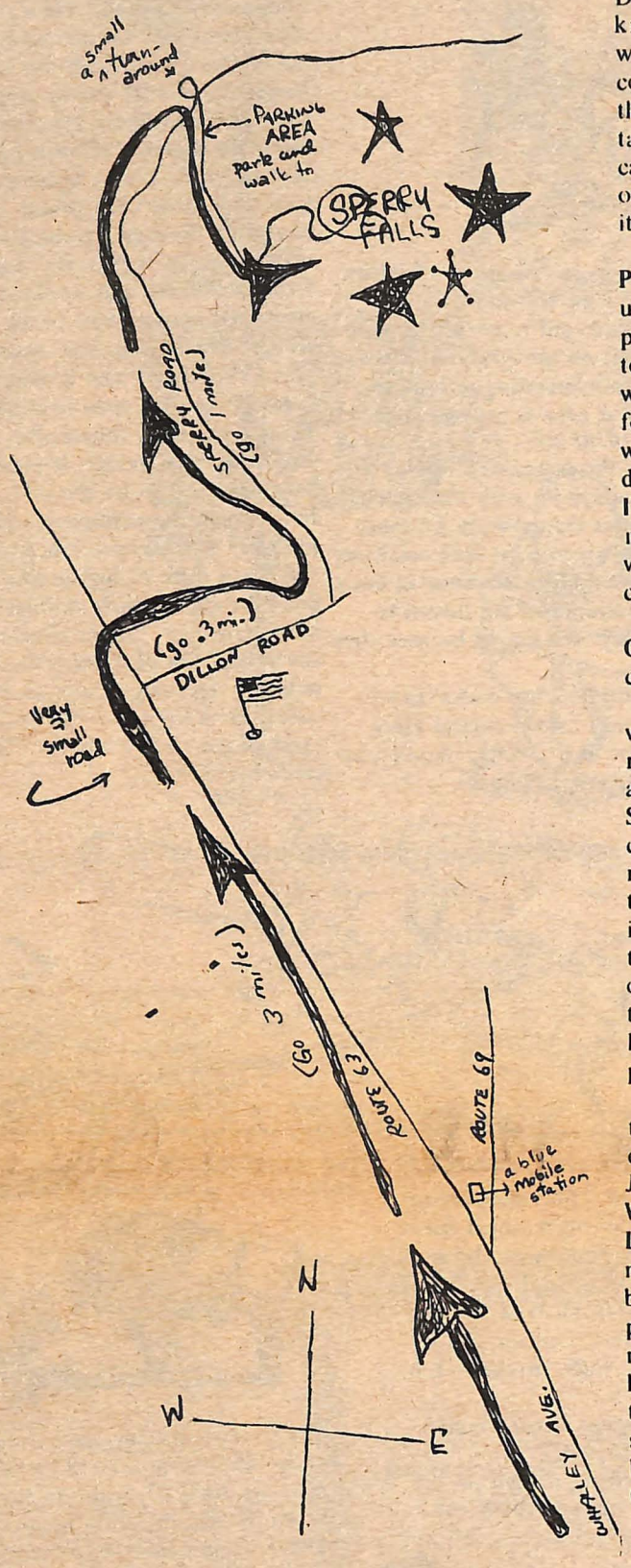
A smelly hot day in New Haven on Saturday. One of the first of those days this year. It's too late to go anywhere far, so let's go to Sperry Falls with a towel and a car. The Falls were nice last summer, quiet and pretty empty. A lot of people used to know about the place. For the last few years it has lived as a sort of private public park, used by those who had been around long enough to remember it and by those they told. Not used by anyone else because there is no regular way to find out about it. Not the kind of place you run into because there are no signs saying it's a public park until you're already there, and you're never just there by accident. It's even hard to find with a map.

That made it really nice. A good place to go. Like last spring about 75 kids went swimming out there to celebrate the warm season. They got busted for being naked, arrested by some people wearing clothes out there at Sperry Falls. But usually there was peace out there. Probably the cleanest place within 10 miles of New Haven.

We wanted to get to it. Drive the miles around New Haven one-way streets until you make it to the street that thinks it's in Detroit, Whalley Ave. Out past all the trash and on to 63. Things getting a lot prettier in Woodbridgeland, out where the full professors and other important people live. Drive almost three miles and turn right on the driveway-street called Dillon. (Not after Bob, but you can remember the name that way an' then you don't have to take this paper along.) Right on past the red barn and the nearby Amerikan flag there is a road called Sperry on your left. On to which you should turn as we did Saturday. Passing a couple long hairs in a car and then another car of them. Sperry Falls seems to be busy this year, but why is everybody splitting at 2:30? We wound on down the rocky path-road, dust blowing up to the yellow signs nailed every 20 yards or so growling that trespassing is bad, that those miles of unwalked woods are owned by the New Haven Water Company. They've done pretty well selling water. About three-fourths of a mile in there is a loop for turning around. Then you see the unassuming entrance to the park. Usually you just drive in.

This time three police cars, one of them unmarked, huddled in the sun at the entrance. Three cops all dressed up like cops were standing to the right and talking out of the sides of their mouths to a hair deviant. Looks like trouble. Should have known, since in the last week three kids were busted for fishing in water company water out there. What's up?

We asked a frizzle head in a big car pulling out. The parks closed today, he said they said. How come?



Don't know man. How can a park be closed? Don't know, man. How can they close all these beautiful woods? Nobody in here but the mounted water company cops. The water guards. He didn't want to rap about the water cops or these cops either. He's not into details. Just as he was moving out we told him that his car was burning up; there was smoke coming out all over. That's just how it works, man. Guess he reads it that way. Not into details.

Asked what the trouble was to the column of cops; Park's closed today, they replied, heads turned toward us like suspicious gun turrets. Why? How could the park be closed if it's just a park? Parks are open. Just today its closed. The Park Commissioner said the park was closed today. Why did he close it? Don't know for sure. Think he said something about how there were too many people here and all. He's open on Monday. Dig. This is cop talk for: I'm just doing what I'm ordered to do. That's what I have to do to keep my job. Don't blame me. Or: When I am good I am very very good, but when I am bad it's my boss. Cops cop out. Dig.

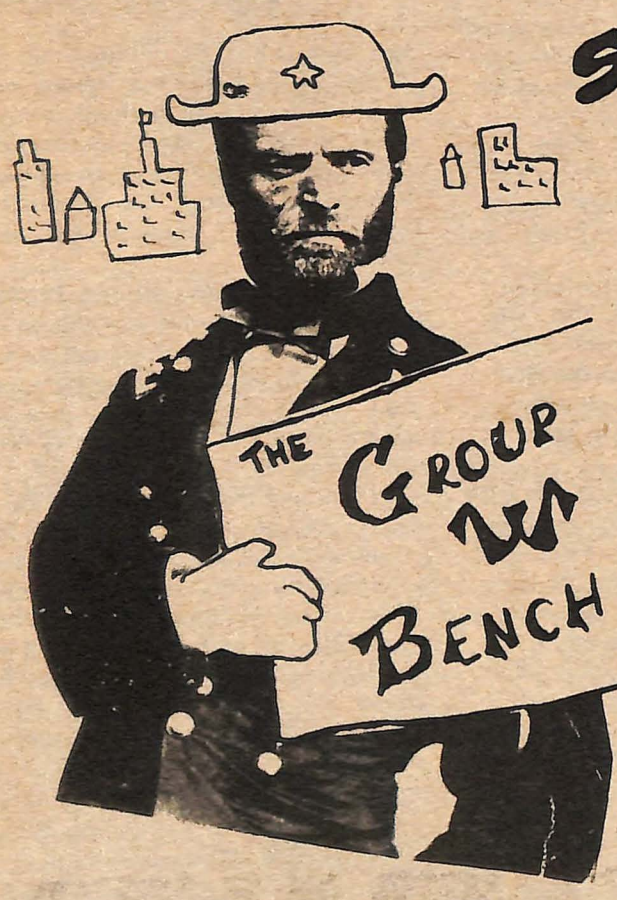
What do you say to cops who talk to you so nice? O.K., cops, bye. Take it easy, cops. Keep your guns clean.

Decided to check back Sunday. Make sure we weren't being paranoid or anything like that. The pigs might have been protecting us from something after all. Like a sea monster or something along those lines. So out past all the trash on Whalley again, and we clocked it this time so we could draw you folks the map that you see alongside or up above or down under this story. This time there were three cars in the parking area. Blocking them off as though they would try to escape to the city was a prison grey cop car.. One of the cops was the same skinny cop we talked to yesterday and the other one was the kind of cop you look at and say oh yeah that's where they got the name pig. Classic 250 pound obscene variety.

Skinny came over and told us the park was closed today, pretending he didn't remember us from Yesterday. Closed? Yep. When did it close? Just closed. Just closed? Yep. Just now? No, it closed yesterday. Why? We've had some trouble here. What kind? Little bit of everything. Who closed it? First selectman. Of what? Woodbridge! How long is it going to be closed? Oh maybe just a while until we can get the problems ironed out. What kinds of problems do you mean? Kids fishing or something? One of those cop head shakes that means nothing, like he's too important to really listen to your questions. Isn't this a state park? No. It's owned by the town of Woodbridge. It might open later just for the residents. Of Woodbridge? Sure.

One natural black, on his way to his car, glanced over and told us with his face and body idiom that this was just the usual scene, wasn't it? Guess the cops were worried that he'd leave some watermelon seeds around. Or some bombs.

We don't like to be radical. We like to take it easy. The only question is whether the park was closed a week before the New Haven Murder Festival because it was a week before it, or whether it was closed just because of the general anti-freak principle of the thing. In any case it was a fairly routine atrocity. We felt radical all the way home. The guy with the burning car probably went off to turn on somewhere else. That's one way to handle it. Another way is for some people to get together and open up that fucking park. There's a lot to do at Sperry Falls.



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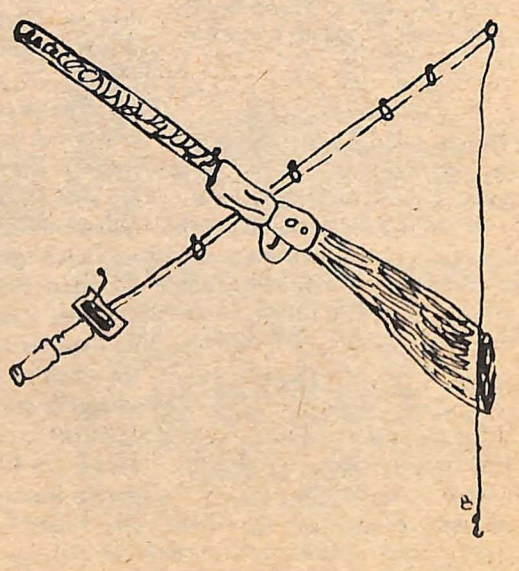


killer wins

It was the weekend before May 1st and it appeared to be a very Yaley function, but there were very good vibes on Hillhouse Ave. Program sales proceeds went to the Panther Defense Committee, and several vehicles carried "Free Thee Panther 9" posters. A band called "Milkweed" provided music. Spectators cheered from treetops and rooftops (a pig chased people off the roof of the Economic Growth Center). Bill Conlon, race director, won the Treefrog Breweries shit eating grin award. And a cast iron bathtub won the first annual Pollution-free Gravity Powered Vehicle Race.

The clean machine designed, built, and driven by Jack Anderson and Bob Killingsworth, defeated the Gnomon Copy Car in the final heat. Jack contributed his success to :(1) the tub's weight(about 500 pounds with drivers); (2) the wheel alignment and general tightness in construction; (3) clean bearings, and most important;(4) the cleanliness of their scrubbed tub, (salvaged from a condemned house) which, coupled with junked bike parts, cost about $20 to build.

The final message from the racers was "the streets should belong to the People" and maybe by next year's race they will.

For seventy-five years, Southern Connecticut State College has sat on its ass, but the First Annual Earth Day Rock Festival was an exception. The Festivalwas sponsored by the Junior Class, but Rich Kubech, a Southern student on the Exit staff made it happen.

Originally scheduled to go until two in the morning, the administration belatedly decided to let it go only till midnight. It went on until one-thirty anyway. The administration prohibited publicity off campus, apparently afraid of attracting certain factions that did not meet up to Southern's high standards.

The stage was set up at the bottom of a hill and everyone was able to get a really good view. The smell of grass was everywhere. People brought blankets, passed wine, and built campfires to keep themselves warm, and there was no great rush of people to leave because of the cold. Around midnight someone announced that the firemarshall decreed that the campfires must go out or the concert would be cancelled. The crowd yelled no to this announcement and the concert went on without hindrance.

The original lineup for the concert was: Morning, George Manning, Silvermine Better Daze, Jake's Hope, Randy Burns, Jasper Wrath, Morning again, Tony Mason, Ocean, Joy, and Tres Hombres. Morning had a hassle getting their equipment down, so Tres Hombres started instead. Steve Kotch, a folk singer, was added in the middle of the concert, when Randy Burns disappeared for awhile, and Joy, who had by now been scheduled to do the last set, cancelled because of hassles with time and their drummer.

Silvermine was about the best band that performed in the afternoon. They had a fine sound with real good vocals and harmony. Joe Mendyk, lead guitar for Better Daze, and former lead of Christopher Hawke, is their manager and works as a kind of engineer.

Better Daze was on next and did one of their usual things. Sadly, they are breaking up, with Lynn and Joe Mendyk leaving the group for personal reasons.

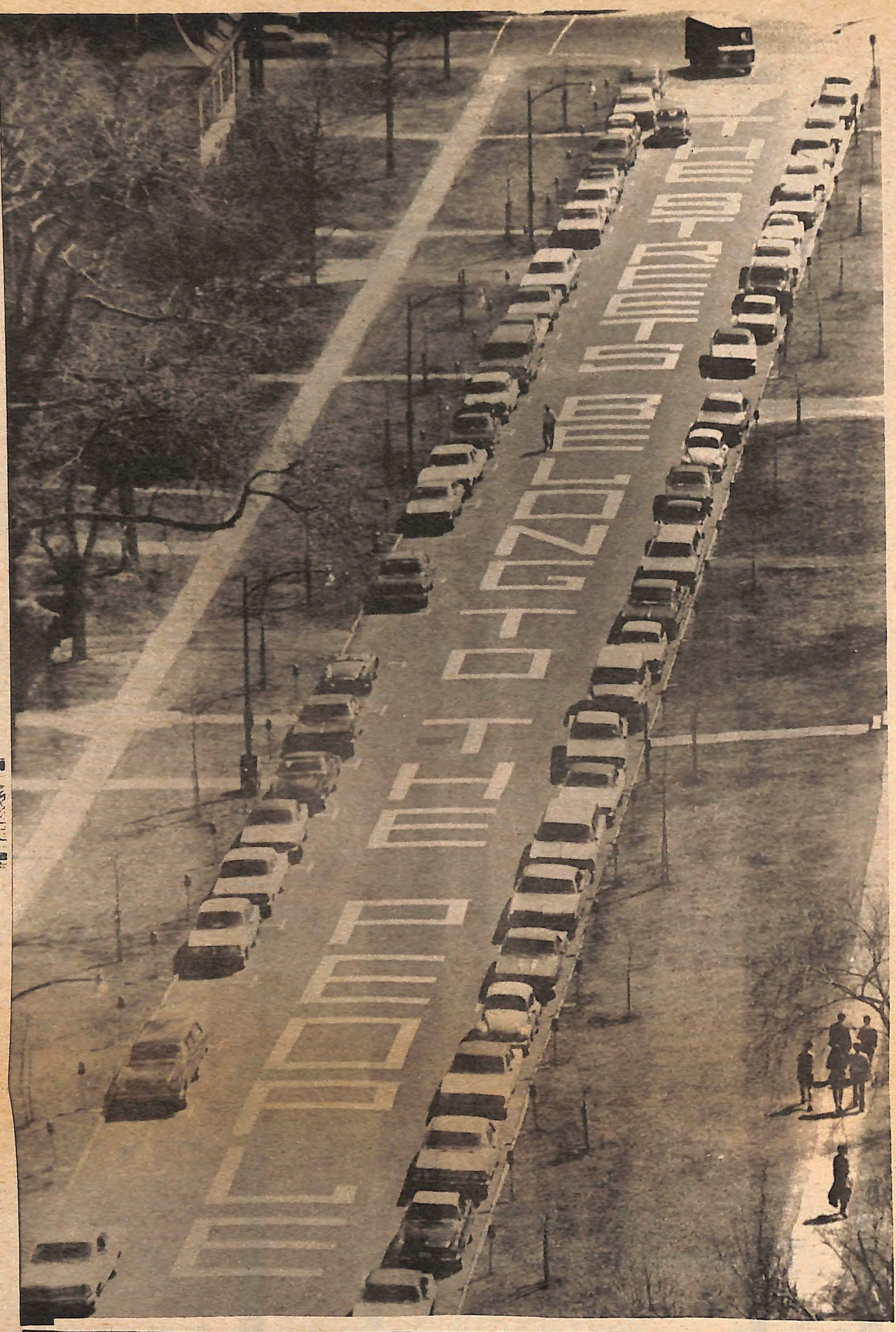
By the time Jake's Hope got started, the sun had dropped and the light show had begun. This couldn't have been timed more perfectly if they had planned it that way. Jake's Hope is a vocal group with a lot of great harmony and percussion, which really helped the crowd sink into the night. They are a nice quiet band and were able to set the mood for the sunset.

After a long period of setting up, Jasper Wrath came on. They were exciting and got people dancing. It was the peak of the show. One of their better things was Season of the Witch, in which they did a nice jam with a good flute solo. They finished to shouts of "more, more" and came back again for another tune.

Tres Hombres came back again, and did a couple of songs including "Hit the Road Jack." It was good to see Ronnie Gonzales finally doing a real gig with his drums and the show was a fine "welcome back" to Andy who we haven't seen for several months.

As the cold got colder, people got fewer and the spirit got weaker. Tony Mason and Ocean played to only 100 - 200 people. It's hard to play guitar in the cold. No Woodstock this, but no SCSC either.

by Al Leites



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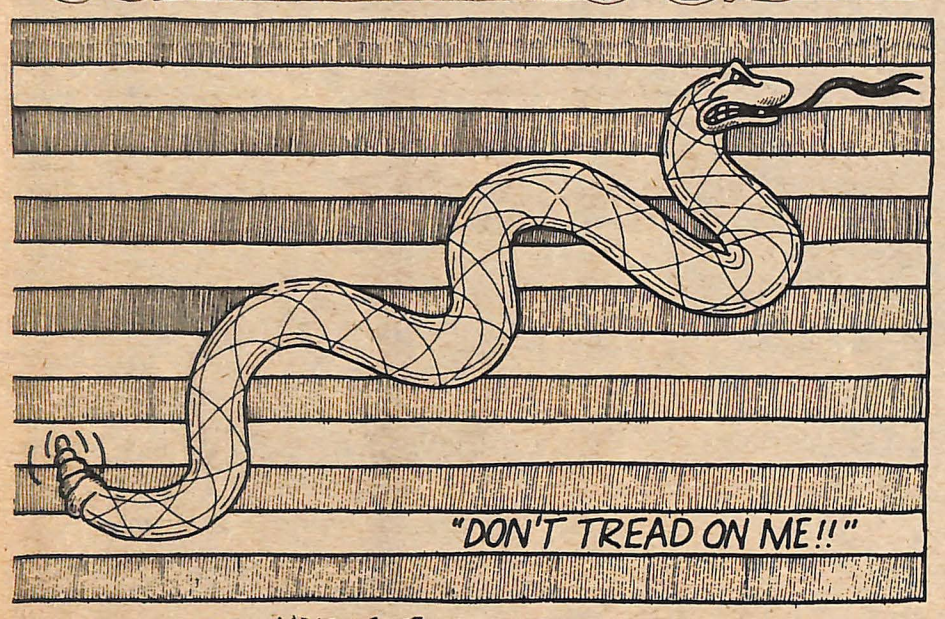

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Spiro Agnew preventing a riot. He polarized Yale in support of Brewster. When Jerry Rubin tried to lead a "Fuck Brewster" cheer, the crowd hesitated and then chanted "Free Bobby Seale".

New Haven was a plot by Richard Nixon to upstage our Cambodian adventure.

New Haven becoming pollution-free for a weekend. (Half the town evacuated. Businesses closed down. No cars downtown. Only constipating foods like rice served–less human waste.) There's a *real* victory.

Management becoming labor. Telephone company executives manning the lines as the operators stay home.

Store owners putting up large plywood advertisements reading "Seize the Time". Over their windows.

The hell with strikes. You can shut the economy down just by holding rallies.

The first aid station I worked at was well-enough equipped to handle a war, flood or tornado. Unfortunately, it forgot to stock band-aids. Half the kids who came brought such minor ailments that they must have just been checking to reassure themselves that we were there.

The invention of the cassette recorder has created a new battlefield role–the private political commentator. Edward R. Murrows with Sony's wandering the streets reporting the events to rotating tape. You are there, mom and dad.

The streets were crowded late Friday and Saturday nights with marshals, first aid teams, police, firemen, troops, undercover agents, overcover agents, Panther pacifists, newsmen, and Sony carriers. It's rumored that a few activists squeezed in.

Richard Nixon is the nation's saltpeter. As New Haven tries to produce an erection, he flicks it down with a move into Cambodia and resumed bombing. I felt a curious combination of power and impotence out there on the Green.

New Haven was Nixon's attempt to provide a crash course for the Guard before they're sent into China's sanctuaries.

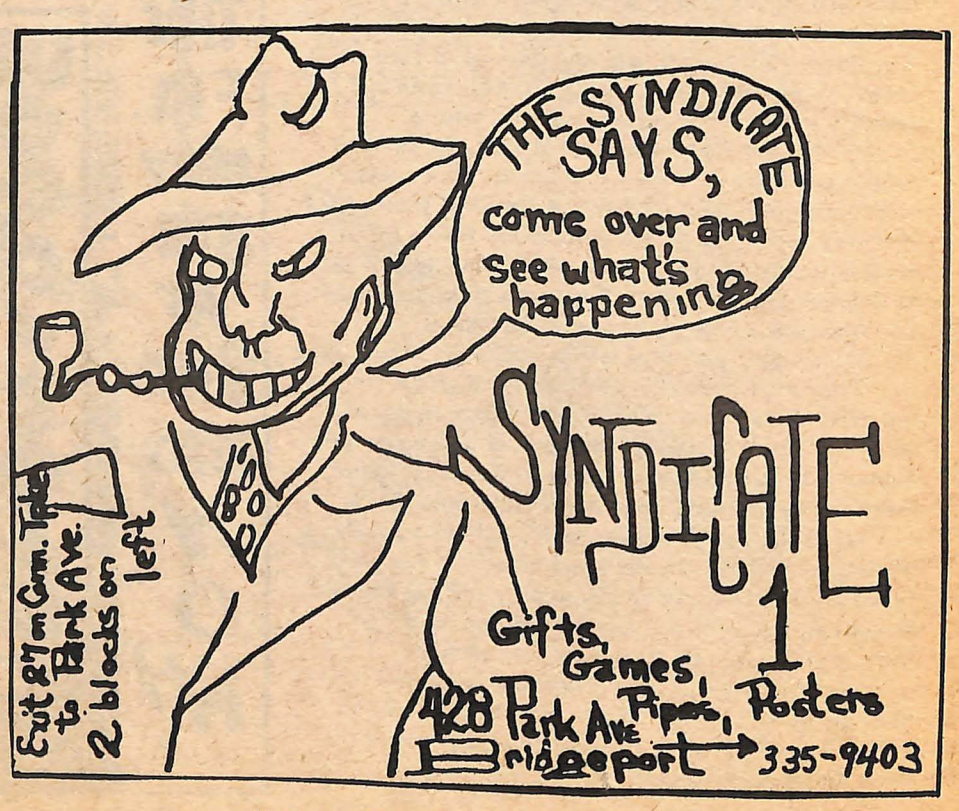
If Abbie Hoffman is the H. L. Mencken of the revolution, Jerry Rubin is its Bob Hope. When his attempts to stir up the crowd on Saturday fell flat, he had the arrogance or genius to lead a "Do It!" cheer. Did he really chant "Simon and Schuster" in counterpoint? $2.95 for a paperback?

Anxiety spread centripetally from the scene of the action. In the streets Friday night the people were pretty cool-headed. Very little running, even from the tear gas/pepper gas. No one freaking out. Across town in the hospital rumors were being generated faster than they could be discarded all week. Senior doctors anxiously played cards Friday night in a room with no windows.

The great dilemma the shrink faces in these scenes is how/whether to treat the person who is out of contact with reality but refuses treatment. We were called out to the Green early Saturday evening to see a girl who was on a bummer. She was disheveled, frightened, mistrustful. She started to come with us to the aid center but suddenly became paranoid that we'd bust her or she'd lose her job. The doctor I was with picked her up and carried her across Elm Street. She started screaming and wanted to go back to her friends and they came over and took her away. My doctor-friend said we should have shot her with Thorazine on the spot. I reminded him that that would have been criminal assault on our part. It all left me with an uneasy feeling. I felt badly leaving her out on the street, but I'd have been equally uncomfortable forcing help on her.

The great irony was that the Panthers created a white monster they were almost unable to control. The fact that no violence occurred was primarily a result of their effort at crowd control, a fact the media ignored. Our local daily thought the problem was outside agitators. Maybe outside you, baby, but inside us. We become outlaws when we refuse to be inlaws to repression.

Doctor Aquarius is a New Haven psychiatrist. He writes (at times) about medical and personal problems. He welcomes your questions and comments at VFB, 532 State Street, New Haven.



The Conspiracy Exists:

Abbie Hoffman's college gave us the bus. We built a people's park at the foot of Jerry Rubin's high school. We are now busy conspiring at Tom Hayden's alma mater. We just had a long kitchen-table conversation with Rennie Davis.

Wavy's Navy is the new Hog Farm communications bus, so called because it has been painted navy blue to avoid hassles. It functions as a roving source of information for Earth People's Park energy centers.

In Cincinnati, the Hog Farm held its first ESP (earth service project) where 250 people cleaned 100 tons of garbage out of a vacant lot. They transformed a piece of land in the black community which had been owned and neglected by the city, into a park by planting grass, flowers, digging rocks from the soil, and building a living room with a working fire place, altar, rugs, and some artifacts dug out of the Earth.

The land, which had been slated to become a superhighway at some indefinite time in the future, was being used as a clandestine dumping grounds.

In the process of transforming it, the group got super high and turned everyone on to Earth People's Parks.

..."The revolution has ceased to be an ideological concern. Instead, people are trying it out right now—communism in small communities, new family organization. A million people in America and another million in England and Europe. A vast underground in Russia, which will come out in the open for four or five years hence, is now biding. How do they recognize each other? Not always by beards, long hair, bare feet or beads. The signal is a bright and tender look; calmness and gentleness, freshness and ease of manner. Men, women and children—all of whom together hope to follow the timeless path of love and wisdom, in affectionate company with the sky, winds, clouds, trees, waters, animals, and grasses—this is the tribe."

Now some Farmers plan a festival in Lake Michigan where they will divide into two groups, each cleaning a five-mile stretch of beach and converging at the stage in the center. And there is talk of a train with the Grateful Dead and the Airplane going across the country turning on people with free concerts organized around ESPS. Summer Solstice will be a gathering of the tribes for a project involving manpower to alleviate a public need—perhaps building a dam to provide irrigation for arid land, or replanting a burned out forest.

Laney reports, "I guess you all know by now that I was ripped off in Orlando and am now being held hostage by a band of gypsie outlaws. They are forcing me to smoke a strange green weed and to take varie-colored pills. The only immediate effects I notice is what feels like a softening of the brain. Surprisingly enough, or perhaps not really so surprising, I am being convinced of the truth of their cause. Although all that may be a result of the euphoria and clarity produced by the weed and pills and the ecstasy of open balling.

PIGS LAUGH WHILE PEOPLE CHOKE

Copped from Modern Times

by Cheryle Johnston

Young anti-pollution activists carried their battle into a center of business power on April 21. Members of the Environmental Offensive holding proxies for stock of the United Illuminating Company went to the annual stockholders' meeting and presented a series of demands that the company cease polluting New haven's air.

The scene was like a meeting from two different worlds. The stockholders and officials of the company were older, dressed in standard business clothes, obviously surburban, and well-versed in the legal procedures of corporate board meetings. The anti-pollution activists were younger, informally dressed, and there to present demands rather than to handle business as usual. Outside, supporters of the pollution demands maintained a picket line around the U.I. headquarters.

The Environmental Offensive pointed out that U.I. produces 42 tons of poisonous gases per day, over 25% of the city's total air pollution according to the Conn. Health Department. It has been estimated that U.I.'s pollution costs New Haveners between six and twelve million dollars a year in additional health and medical costs (due to lung diseases) and soiling and corrosion of buildings and equipment.

Five written demands were presented:

1. The immediate termination of all environmental pollution, with the cost to be borne by those who have profited from polluting our air and water until now. We demand that U.I. suspend immediately dividend payments until all pollution is ended.

2. In order to make U.I. responsible to all the people of New Haven, we demand that U.I. submit any plans for alterations capital construction, and expansion to a binding referendum of the citizens of New Haven and Bridgeport.

3. As citizens of New Haven we demand that U.I. immediately stop all advertising of electricity. The result of this advertising is to artificially increase the demand for electric power. This results in increased pollution and an excuse for plant expansion. We demand that U.I. provide true public service advertising about the environmental degradation that results from power production.

4. We demand that residential consumers of electricity pay a rate no higher than the lowest rate enjoyed by commercial and industrial users of electricity.

5. As residents of polluted New Haven, we demand that U.I. become a true public utility. with all the profits applied to the improvement of service, reduction of the cost of electricity, and the payment of a decent wage to U.I. workers.

There was never a chance to present all of the written demands in the stockholders' meeting itself. Many of those listed on the proxies were denied entranceto the meeting. The three who were allowed into the meeting found that the order of business did not have a place for consumer demands and questions of pollution. Instead, they had to wait for the questions and answers part of the meeting. When the fifth demand was mentioned, that U.I. become a true public utility with profits applied to service and wages, the stockholders responded with laughter.

Picketers outside met with favorable reaction. One man, identifying himself as a railroad worker, refused to cross the picket line to pay his light bill. Passing policemen were sympathetic, to the point of suggesting other companies which should also be forced to stop polluting. One U.I. employee pointed out, however, that the picket lines set up by striking U.I. workers last year had been much more effective.

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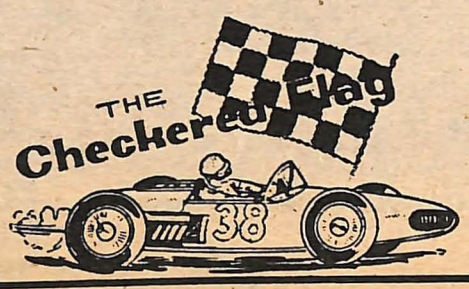

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ROCK-ROLL

Mitch Kapor

The Woodstock movie is an absolute stone knock-out. The beauty of the film is in its recapturing all the contradictory vibes of Woodstock itself. The photography is supurb and special effects such as split screen, stop motion, etc. are used well. The sequences featuring the Who, Sha-na-na, Sly, Ten Years After, and Santana are particularly outstanding. The documentary portions feature the people being the people in the rain, mud and sun. For anybody who was there the effect is recreative in the sense of a second Woodstock. For those who weren't there orignally the film gives a taste of the ecstasy and excitement of the original. See the movie whenever you can.

Abbie Hoffman needs your help. If you know any ways to cheat, hustle, or fuck the telephone companies, airlines, General Motors, the government, etc., send your ideas to Abbie at 3784 Tenth Ave., New York, 10034. Also he wants to know about any free stores, free museums , free school, free food, free anything, Free all political prisoners. Also experiences hitch-hiking, freighting, scrounging, panhandling methods you have used. Also about any draft counseling, breakfast for children, free money, free sex, etc. The information is being compiled into a Yippie! survival manual.

The New Grateful Dead album, tentatively entitled Working Man's Dead, is described in a Warner Bros. circular as, God forbid, commercial.

The Nice have disbanded. In an interview following their "Farewell concert" Nice drummer Brian Davidson said "...each one of us wants to think and rethink his personal playing.....Once we've all rested the Nice could re-form. I would personally like to continue."

Chunga is the new name of Frank Zappa's Hot Rats. Actually its the original name of the group he's now touring with, but his Hot Rats album has pinned the latter label on them. Their next album, due in mid-summer, is called Chunga's revenge.

The Lenny Bruce discography! Lenny Bruce lived and died, a complicated man at odds with a world he understood too well. He may well have lapsed into paranoia and legalese toward the end, but if harrassment can be given a religious overtone, he was a persecuted comic, and his reflex for self-imposed punishment was only part of the complexity. Like the rock revival, he's become good box-office. But don't let that put you -- he wasn't just a funny man.

The Essential Lenny Bruce Politics	Douglas Records	
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Lenny Bruce albums are hard to come by these days. Fortunately Cutler's carries most of the above albums. They're all worth checking out.

Richard Meltzer's long-awaited (at least by some) book The Aesthetics of Rock has finally been published. Meltzer was one of the founders of the neo-intellectual school of rock writing complete with elaborate metaphysical invocations. Most people will not like the book. It relies too much on pretension and artifice some will say. Meltzer flunked out of Yale for insisting on handing in every paper titled Rock and .....nuclear physics, Nietzsche, etc. On the other hand, I like the book. Underneath the murkiness of prose and stylistic idiosyncrasies there is one hell of a mind relating to rock. The book costs $3.95 so I suggest you either steal a copy or borrow one from a well to do friend. Seriously.

Speaking of ressurections-Crawdaddy magazine is back. The new Crawdaddy has a Rolling Sone newspaper format but with an emphasis on interpretation rather than straight news or features. Its available in New Haven at Chapel Book World. If you dig rock for more than dancing, I suggest you check it out.

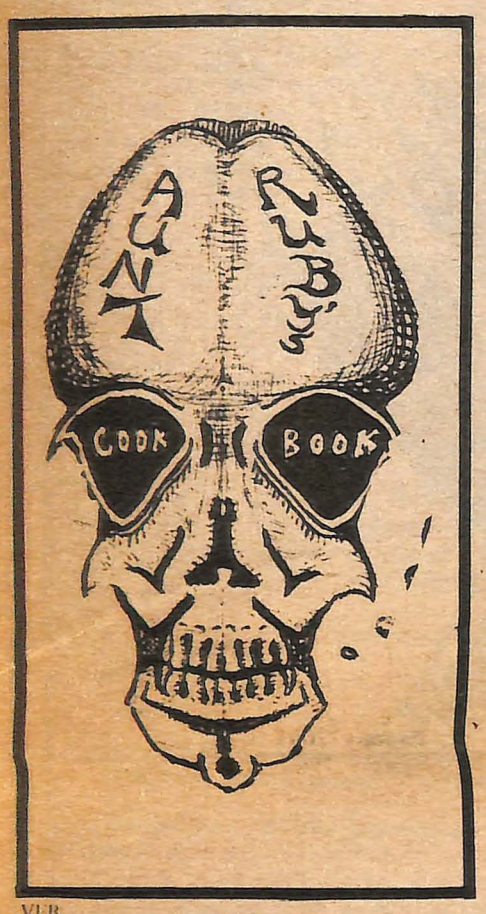
Peace.

VFB,
In your last issue (vol. 1, no.17) in the rock and roll column, it said "Jimi Hendrix has a new album out called 'A Band of Gypsies.' The album fulfills a long-standing contractual obligation with Capitol Records. The album was cut in the late fall of 1969, after the break-up of the original Experience but before its reformation." unquote. Well..... sorry Mitch but it says on the album back cover, "Recorded live at Fillmore East in New York on New Year's Eve 69 - 70." in so many words. Tell me, how can it be recorded live on New Year's Eve when it was recorded in the late fall of 1969. I may be stupid, but something in there just doesn't connect. Well, anyway, the record's outasite.....

a freind

Mitch admits his mistake. Apparently, he spends so much time in the bowels of YBC that he can't keep track of changes in season and thought New Year's was still fall.

Editor?



VFB,
Well, shit, I don't know, I mean I am so damn sick of keeping what I feel to myself. I wanted to let some sort of media hear my shit so here goes. First of all, I go to a fuckin' jr. high in Hamden and if you think New Haven's bad (racist, etc.) shit, go to the schools in these small shit towns near and around New Haven. The people are so misinformed, prejudiced, racist, fascist, fucked-up asses. I mean like wow-- I'm with the Panthers, etc. You even mention the "Black Panther Party" and you get at least five oohhs and aahhhs and gasps, and three tchs-- they're just a "bunch of trouble-makers". They can't understand why I would support the Black Panthers just because my fuckin' skin happens to be white. DAMN them. I try to explain that the Panthers don't go around shooting people, but their parents told them they do so they do. Mine pretend they're not interested and dont care but they're scared shitless. They've already convicted and EXECUTED Bobby. They said the BPP is immature, irresponsible, irrational, militant, communist, etc. Right on! I don't drool at the sight of a Panther or eat every word they say but I believe in everything they stand for and if they want to burn amerika or liberate schools (prisons), I'll be stepping on their heels following them. And because of that I'm considered a freak at school and all my friends are "hippies" (shit, I HATE that word). But in 11 months I'll be 16 and can drop out of them. In the meantime I can get by on dreaming of death, skipping school and dropping acid. But I don't know. This whole fuckin' situation depresses the hell outa me but I'm too scared to die. God damn fucking people.....

power to the people
free Bobby and Huey
free the NY 21
free the NH 9
shit free the world!
Right on Donna
(that ain't my real name)

A Comment On The Earthday Party

Become involved! Take a stand! This is your earth! Alas, dear kiddies, 'taint so. The earth belongs to Progress. Progress. Why just the word brings to mind the long arduous way man has come. And now, living in the wonder of True Civilization, we reap its many and varied rewards. The ultimate signs of Man's supremacy over the beasts is everywhere present in America. There is no reason however, that Progress cannot soon have its effect on primitive cultures as well. These backward areas of the world can begin their own ascent as soon as they are taught ambition, pride, and scientific know-how. Ah yes, the mind falters at the thought of the wonders which will transpire! Free people, united in their pride of the particular piece of dirt on which they live, striving together to make people happy and prosperous. One world under technology!

Those in tune with the times do not, of course, have to be told the price man has had to pay for the glory of Civilization: waste disposal praries, the miasmus streaming gently from our chemical temples, the universe full of flying junk. But what of these! Is that not but a small price to pay for the protection and perpetuation of this Pearl, this growing attainment of Man's great destiny? As every good American knows, "You can't get something for nothing."

But, perhaps thare are some who, having become so unappreciative and unaware of Man's purpose that they are not willing to clear the way for the continuation of Civilization's climb. Clear the road! Clear the road! The Progress is coming through! Why not come to your senses? Put an end to this frivolity of river walks and demonstrations. Get out there and join us. Invent a better acne cream! Build a better shoe! For, as reluctant as you may be to accept it, there's no stopping us. It's the Real thing. Something to Believe in. Let me tell you how it goes. What one country can learn, another country can learn. And what one country has, another country wants. Progress. It's inevitable. Marvelous. But does it stop there, at the mere accumulation of scientific strongholds? It does not! Why the very nature of Progress asks the question, "But is is practical?", "Can I use it?" Of course you can use it! Why this is what Civilization is all about! In the best interest of Man, your'e obligated to use it! Use it! Use it! Push the button! On with the Progress!

So, why be left out; marching with upward turned eyes alongside your neighborhood stream of sewage? Take your electric toothbrush in hand! Gird your lungs! Get on the Glory Train! Like the song says, "You don't need a ticket, You just thank the Lord."

Corliss Gross

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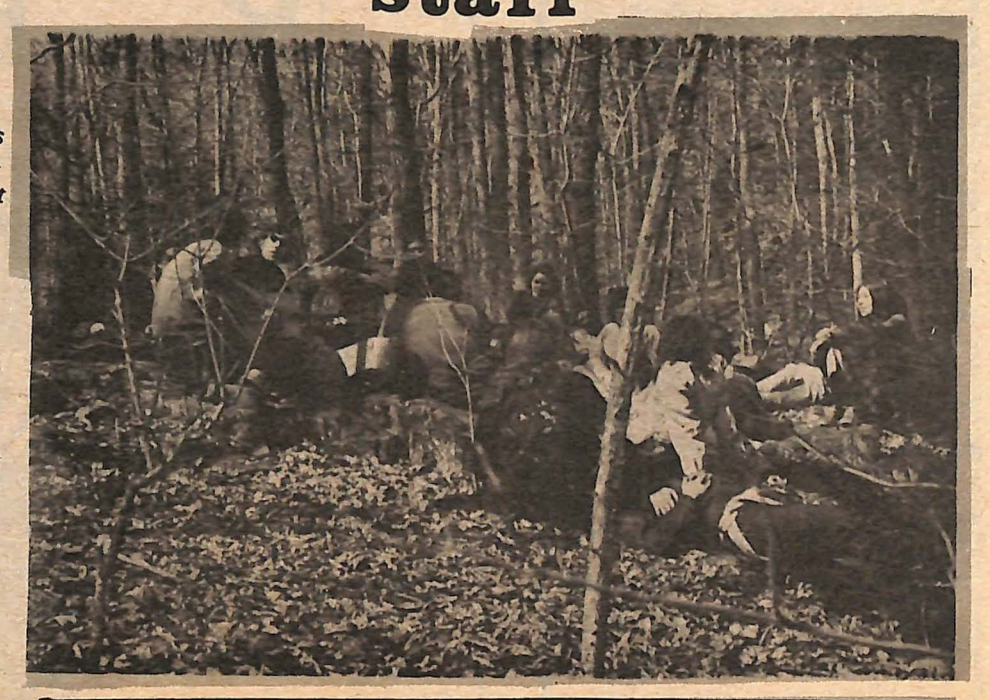

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Yale Film Society: ALPHAVILLE--Godard--linsly chit---7, 9:30,506 50d

MAY 6, WEDNESDAY

EXIT--- the Milkweed (Rock), $1.25--425 College St.

Yale Film Society: JOURNEY INTO FEAR--Orson Welles--linsly chit-- 7, 9:30---50c

MAY 7, THURSDAY

Yale Episcopal Society--FEAST OF ASCENSION--Rock Liturgy-- Old Campus-5p.m.---free

Yale Film Society:THE CIRCUS--Chaplin--linsly chit--7, 9:30--50c

DOCUMENTARY Film --MOVEMENT--

DOCUMENTARY FILM MOVEMENT-- Hastings Hall, A & A bldg--7, 9:30-- free

Zero Population Growth--LECTURE: Voluntary Sterilization--Room 201, Harkness Hall--8:00--free

EXIT--Movie: PIT AND THE PENDULUM--425 College St.--7:30, 9:30--75c

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SATURDAY---10-12--workshops
1-5:30---action workshops

MONDAY--A Child-In in Bienecke Plaza-Bring children and noisemakers--11-2:00

Day care is available in the Church during the whole weekend.

MAY 8, FRIDAY

Yale Film Society: LE PETIT SOLDAT--Godard-linsly chit--7, 9:30--50c

ENORMOUS ROOM-- Bluegrass, Billy Hamilton and Ohio River Boys--211 Park St.-- 8:30-12---$1.00

Internatio nal Student Center-- Discotheque--406 Prospect St. ---9:00--$1.00

Yale BAND-- Twilight Concert-- Bien Beinecke Plaza--7:00--Free

EXIT-- Geof Morgan and Joel Blumert (folk)--9:00--$1.50

MAY 9, SATURDAY

Yale Film: LES BICHES--Claude Chabrol--7,9:30 linsly chit--50c

Enormous Room--THE SWID--City--folk--8:30-1--$1.00

Yale Symphony Orchestra--Benifit Concert for Hill Day Care Center--Woolsy Hall--8:30--$1.00

COALITION FOR PANTHER DEFENSE--Lorraine Hansberry's: TO BE YOUNG, GIFTED,AND BLACK--St. Pauls Church--620 Chapel St.--8:30--$7.50

EXIT--Dusty Mathews (folk)--9:00--$1.50

MAY 10, SUNDAY

Law Schooll Film--THE ROUND--UP-- Yale Law School--7:30, 9:30--50c

Yale Music School--YALE PLAYERS FOR NEW MUSIC-far out-- Sprague Hall--4:00--free

Film--TUMBLEWEEDS--William S. Hart -1925--Hastings Hall-A & A bldg--8:00--free

MAY 11, MONDAY

Law School flick- BARRIER--Law School Auditorium--7:30. 9:30--50c

MAY 12, TUESDAY

Yale Film Society--CHIKA MATSU MONO--GATARI--linsly chit--7,9:30--50c

MAY 13, WEDNESDAY

Yale Film--NINOTCHKA--Lubitsch 1939--linsly chit--7,9:30--50c

MAY 14, THURSDAY

Yale School of Drama-OPENING: DON JUAN by Moliere--Calvary Baptist Church-1120 Chapel St.--8:00--???

EXIT--movie-REPTILICUS--7:30. 9:30--75c

Long Wharf Theatre--Happy and Artie Traum-folk-rock--Frontage Road--8:30--$3

Yale Film Society-SEVEN CHANCES-Buster Keaton--linsly chit--7, 9:30--50c

MAY 15, FRIDAY

Exit--JAKE'S HOPE (rock)--9:00--$2

Yale Film Society--NAZARIN--Luis Bunuel--linsly chit--7, 9:30--50c

Enormous Room-bluegrass- Billy Hamilton and Ohio River Boys--211 Park--8:30-12--$1

MAY 16, SATURDAY

Exit--Jake's Hope--(9:00)-- $2.00

Yale Film Society--THRONE OF BLOOD--Japanese Macbeth--linsly chit--7,9:30--50c

Enormous Room- the SWID--city-folk--8:30--1--$1.00

MAY 17, SUNDAY

Albertus Magnus College-- **open air concert--**

FOLK JAM--Rosary Hall, Prospect St--2:00--FREE

MAY 18, MONDAY

Exit--movie: THE FLY--7:30,9:30--75c

MAY 19, TUESDAY

Yale Film Society--Experimental Films--Brakhage, Kuchur--linsly chit--50c--7, 9:30

MAY 20, WEDNESDAY

Bushnell Memorial Auditorium--JETHRO TULL-Hartford: 246-6807--8:00

COALITION FOR PANTHER DEFENSE--Meetir First United Methodist Church at 8:00

Yale Film Society--RED LINE 7000-Howard H Hawks--linsly chit--7, 9:30--50c

MAY 21, THURSDAY

Exit: movie THE FLY--7:30,9:30, 50c 75c

Yale Film Society: FURY--Fritz Lang 1936--linsly chit--7, 9:30--50c

MAY 22, FRIDAY

Exit: FOLK HOOTENANNY MARATHON--all night

Yale Film Society--IVAN THE TERRIBLE--Eisenstein--linsly chit--8:00--75c

MAY 23, SATURDAY

Exit: FOLK HOOTENANNY MARATHON--all night

Yale Film Society: THAT MAN FROM RIO--linsly chit--7, 9:30--50c

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Every Sunday:

Women's Liberation Meeting--AIM office--148 Orange St. --7:00

Pollution Tour--Bread and Roses Coffee House--538 State St.--2:00

Electric Jams at the Exit--7:30--25c

Every Monday:

Resistance Dinner: Enormous Room--211 Park St.--6:00-- bring food

Every Tuesday:

Exit: Folk and Jazz Jam--9:00--75c

Every Wednesday:

Community Dinner--Independent Gallery--1111Chapel St.

Urban Ecology Rap--84 Mansfield St.--8:00

Every Thursday:

Free School Dinner--Enormous Room--211 Park St.--7:00-- bring food

Every Saturday:

People's Park Project--10:00-- Corner of Day St. and and Legion Ave. near Oak St. Connector

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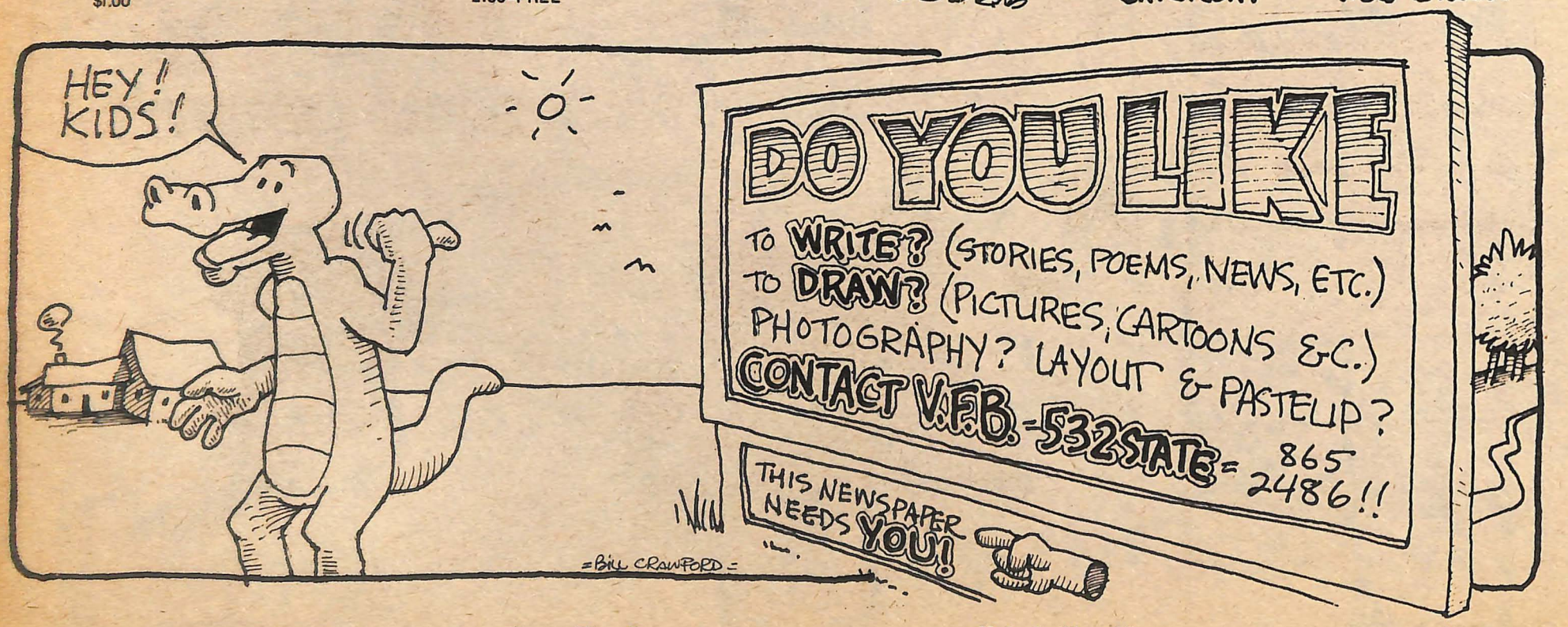

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THE RED-BLOODED AMERICAN REPTILE!
YEAH! IT'S ALL LIES!
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CAMBODIA?! TOO FREAKING MUCH!! WASH D.C. MAY 9!!
FREE BOB
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CAMBODIA
FREE BOB
WHA?
FREE BOBBY
WHAT THE FUGGIZ GOIN ON HERE?!
JUST IN CASE YOU GET VIOLENT, SEE? NOT TO INTERFERE WITH FREE SPEECH OR ANYTHING!
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FREE BOBBY!
NYAA! YER OL' MAN WEARS PANTY HOSE!
SIEZE HIM!!
SIEZE THAT NASTY REPTILE!!
THE VERY NEXT DAY!
PIGASUS J. PIG: HERO
VIOLENCE CURTAILED
EARLY MORNING HOGWASH
VIOLENCE!
NYAA!
REPTILE BAGGED
"SQUISHY-SOFT" SEZ NIXON!! DECLARES WAR ON WHOLE FRIGGIN' PLANET
THE END!

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